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A homeowner checks out the damage left behind following the severe weather that ripped through the area late Tuesday, April 14. (Photo by Tim Beason)

Tornadoes leave widespread damage across Otsego, Plainwell

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

A severe storm system moved through the Otsego and Plainwell area late Tuesday night, April 14, leaving behind widespread damage and power outages across both communities after two tornadoes touched down within minutes of each other.

According to the National Weather Service, an EF0 tornado first touched down near Schermerhorn Lake at 11:38 p.m., remaining on the ground for approximately 6.5 miles.

A second, stronger EF1 tornado followed at 11:52 p.m., traveling through Otsego and into Plainwell before lifting near Hickory Corners shortly after midnight.

The EF1 tornado reached peak wind speeds of 100 mph and stretched up to 175 yards wide at times.

Despite the intensity of the storm and the extent of the damage, local officials confirmed there were no injuries or fatalities.

Damage seen across both communities

In both Otsego and Plainwell, the most widespread damage came from downed trees and power lines, many of which blocked roads and damaged homes and buildings.

"So many trees down," Otsego City Manager Aaron Mitchell said. "With those trees came downed powerlines. Luckily it appears they have mostly avoided buildings.

"There were a few buildings that had a partial hit, but there was no devastating destruction that you would have expected. So in many ways we were blessed to avoid significant

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Second chance pays off: Otsego woman wins $1 million

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

OTSEGO—An Otsego woman is $1 million richer after winning the grand prize in a Michigan Lottery second chance drawing earlier this month.

Michelle Roemer, 58, won the $1 million prize during the Millionaire Maker Second Chance live event held April 10 at a Grand Rapids Griffins game.

Roemer earned entries into the drawing by scanning non-winning Millionaire Maker instant tickets using the Michigan Lottery mobile app. She was one of five finalists selected to participate in the live event.

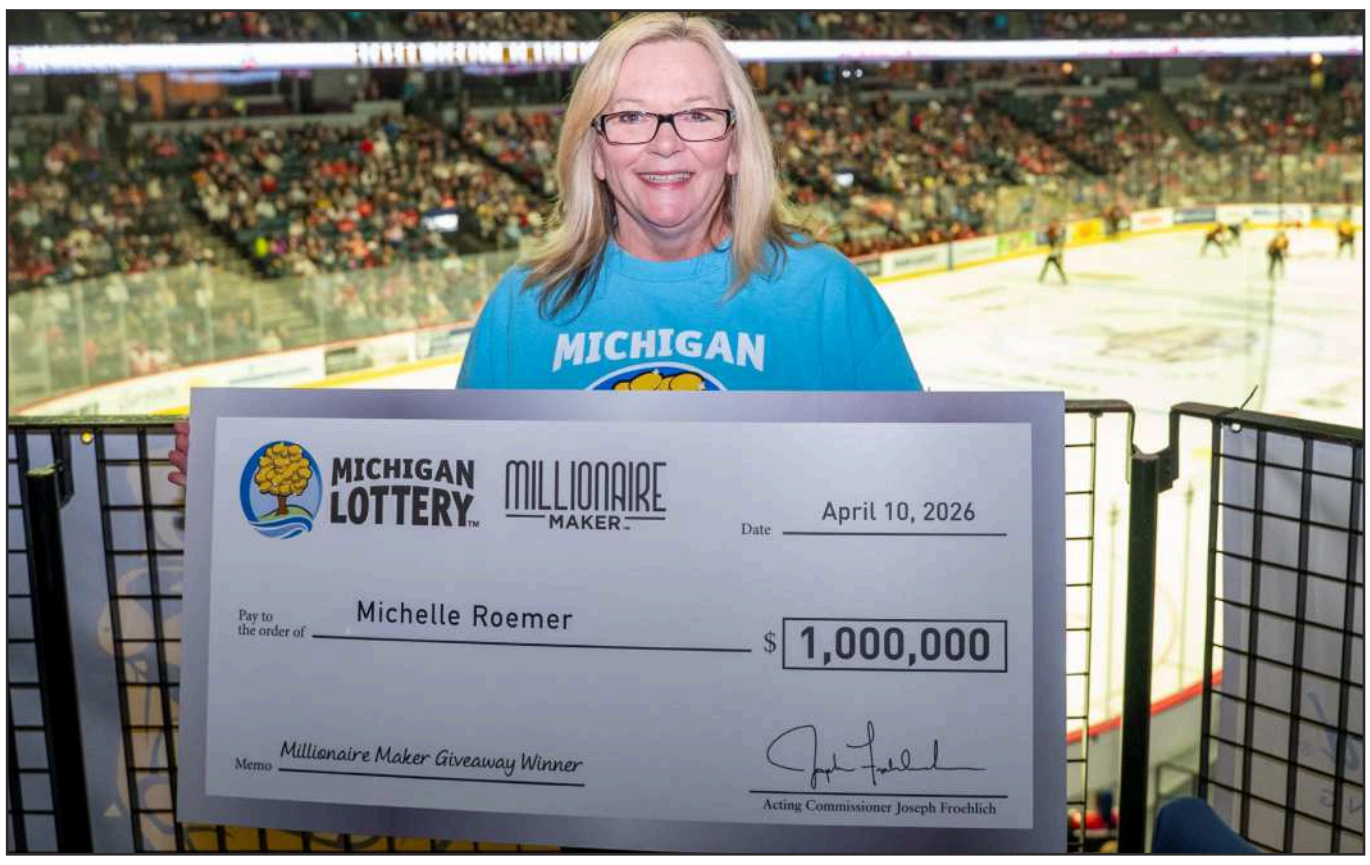
"Millionaire Maker was the first ticket I'd ever scanned for a second chance, so I was really excited when I got the call about being chosen as a contestant, even though I did think it was a scam at first," Roemer said.

During the event, finalists participated in a live game for a chance at the top prize.

"Whenever I play the Lottery, I do what I call my 'Lottery lucky dance,' so when the wheel was spinning, I was out there doing my lucky dance," Roemer said. "When the wheel stopped on blue, I was so overwhelmed and couldn't believe it," she said. "There's truly nothing to compare that feeling to."

Roemer said she plans to use her winnings to book a vacation, invest and live debt-free.

"This prize is life-changing," she said.



Otsego resident Michelle Roemer won $1 million as part of a second-chance drawing by the Michigan Lottery. (Photo provided)

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Salute to Healthcare: Caring for Allegan County

Across Allegan County, healthcare professionals serve on the front lines of community well-being. From hospitals and clinics to long-term care facilities, emergency services, and local practices, these individuals provide care, comfort, and expertise to residents at every stage of life. Their work is essential, often demanding, and always rooted in a commitment to helping others.

Healthcare reaches into nearly every household. Physicians, nurses, therapists, technicians, aides, and support staff work together to diagnose, treat, and guide patients through both routine care and unexpected challenges. Whether it is a check-up, a recovery process, or an urgent situation, their presence brings reassurance and stability during moments that matter most.

The field of healthcare requires both knowledge and compassion. Long hours, complex cases, and rapidly changing conditions are part of the job, yet professionals continue to meet these challenges with dedication and skill. Their ability to adapt, learn, and respond to the needs of patients reflects a deep sense of responsibility to the communities they serve.

Beyond direct care, healthcare providers also play a key role in education and prevention. They promote healthy lifestyles, offer guidance on managing chronic conditions, and work to prevent illness before it begins. These efforts help improve quality of life and strengthen the overall health of Allegan County.

Healthcare is also a major contributor to the local economy. It provides stable employment opportunities and supports a wide range of related services, from administration and maintenance to specialized medical fields. The impact of this sector extends far beyond exam rooms and hospital walls.

In times of uncertainty, the importance of healthcare becomes even more clear. Whether responding to public health concerns, seasonal illnesses, or individual emergencies, these professionals remain steady and reliable. Their presence offers confidence and care when it is needed most.

At the Allegan County News, Commercial Record, and Union Enterprise, we proudly salute the healthcare professionals who serve our communities every day. Today, we recognize their dedication, their compassion, and their unwavering commitment to improving lives. Their work helps keep Allegan County healthy, strong, and moving forward.

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No crying over spilt milk

By Scott Sullivan
Editor

A 3-vehicle crackup Friday, April 17, just after 4 p.m. saw a van rear-end a pickup that was completely stopped on northbound I-196 just before Douglas/Ganges Exit 36.

The impact pushed the pickup into a semi-tanker hauling milk. Saugatuck Township Fire District first responders, reported IT Director Erik Kirchert, found no one trapped or pinned in the vehicles nor incurring more than minor injuries.

Also responding were Fennville and Ganges fire departments, Life EMS Ambulance, Michigan State Police, Allegan County Sheriff's deputies and the Douglas Police Department.

Traffic was shut down at mile marker 34 and traffic rerouted onto Blue Star Highway while crews worked on the scene.

Ray's Towing picked up and off the truck and van. The milk tanker driver set he didn't need a tow.

The scene was fully cleared between 5:16 and 5:26 p.m., Kirchert said.

No charges filed in crash that killed Hamilton fire chief

No criminal charges will be filed in a December crash that killed the longtime Hamilton fire chief, deputies say.

David Haverdink was hit by a vehicle Dec. 23 while responding to a call on M-40 near 136th Avenue, according to the Allegan County Sheriff's Office. He was taken to the hospital, where he died two days later on Christmas Day. He was 74 years old.

In a Monday release, the sheriff's office says that after a "thorough" investigation by the crash reconstruction team and consulting with the county prosecutor, "no criminal charges will sought."

Haverdink had been with the Hamilton Fire Department for 51 years, including more than 40 as fire chief. He was also the sheriff of Allegan County for eight years. He was remembered for his many years of service,

"He obviously is someone who spent his entire life dedicated to public service and it's something that he did right up until the very end," Allegan County Sheriff Frank Baker said at his visitation in early January.

Hopkins man sentenced in cockfighting ring arrest

37-year-old Edin Rodas of Hopkins was sentenced on charges stemming from a cockfighting ring that was busted last summer.

On Monday, Allegan County Circuit Court Judge Emily Jipp ordered Rodas to a day in prison, 18 months of probation, and to pay nearly $700 in fines. He had pled guilty last month to felony counts of animal fighting, having animal fighting equipment, and killing/torturing animals.

Rodas was arrested on July 29th after sheriff's deputies descended upon a farm property, following a video tip showing an event that had been staged there three days earlier. Hard evidence gathered at that time supported the virtual claims made in the video, with 36 dead roosters found at the scene.

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Townships seek to fill partial appointments

By Gari Voss

The August 2026 primary election holds some unusual races. When reviewing the list of positions that must be filled at the Township level, the count is 14. Voters in the know were anticipating the 57th District Court judge position to which Christopher Burnett had been assigned by Governor Whitmer, but this number of township positions was more than anyone imagined.

A number of positions show no candidates running as of April 20, 2026. Allegan County Clerk Bob Geneski felt that there would be more Affidavits filed by 4pm on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, but there is no guarantee.

Taking a look at the openings:

Cheshire Township – supervisor and treasurer

Clyde Township – possibly 1 trustee

Dorr Township – treasurer, trustee, two parks commissioners

Heath Township – treasurer

Manlius Township – treasurer

Martin Township – treasurer

Otsego Township - supervisor, trustee

Trowbridge Township – clerk

Valley Township – supervisor, trustee

Wayland – clerk

One inquiry was made to retired Allegan County Clerk Joyce Watts if this was normal. She could not remember a ballot that contained this number of "partial" positions. What would be typical is zero or at the most one partial position that would appear on the August Primary ballot and decided on the November ballot.

A question that was asked is "Why so many"? Each person's decision carried a reason and/or story. Though they do not have to disclose a reason when submitting a resignation to their township board, Clerk Genetski was able to identify a few reasons. The Manlius treasurer moved out of the township. The Wayland Township clerk resigned six or seven months into the new term for what may have been family reasons. In Valley Township supervisor passed shortly after winning the election in November 2024. The Cheshire Township treasurer felt he would like to have time for fun and vacations without responsibilities and deadlines. The Heath Township treasurer is retiring after the deadline for Affidavits to be filed, so that position will not be on the ballot.

Serving in these positions takes time and responsibility and often a demanding uphill learning curve then constant "education" to stay current with new laws in Lansing. There are responsibilities to all residents of the township, not just the noisy wheels or favorites; responsibility to work as a collaborative team and guide the board of trustees and residents through the law even when the solution to a problem may be unpopular with a small group that has been used to breaking an ordinance; responsibility to numerous other county and state agencies; responsibility to continually educate oneself to the changes in laws and regulations that impact local ordinances; and the list goes on.

Another aspect related to people stepping away from grassroots politics may be the expectations of the residents. That is, people living in a township who have certain demands of their public officials. These are often people who do not run for office but come to meetings expressing their ideologies and/or their dislikes for the decisions made by the township boards or for board members themselves. Often, these people have voices, but they are not willing to give of their time to run for a position and serve on a township board, or even offer to serve on a committee to make life in the township better for everyone.

The life of a township "servant" is not just accepting the most votes in an election. Taking a leadership position, even at the grassroots level, is not a walk in the park.

"Throw on the fact that Lansing never really understands the 'part-time' nature of elected officials in a rural township when they pass laws," explained Clerk Genetski. "We get a lot of 'top down' legislation which puts a lot more responsibility on Board members for the same amount of pay. And I don't blame anyone for deciding to step away."

So, step away, they have. Thus, when the primary ballot comes around, there may be holes. Maybe, one of the saddest holes will be a lack of Independents and Democrats running for open partial positions. Maybe the hole will be only one candidate vying for a position. When all Affidavits are filed, there may be more than one candidate for each of the partial positions, or the primary may just have Republican candidates competing against other Republican candidates.

The bottom line for the election of 2026 is that townships have key partial positions to be filled.

A peaceful space for powerful work: Red Horse Center

By Art Nicholas

Tucked onto a 20-acre farm in Fennville, the owners of Red Horse Center have spent two decades doing some of the most unconventional — and impactful — mental health and personal development work in Allegan County. With horses as partners and the land as a therapeutic setting, Executive Director Fred Bueltmann describes it simply: "a peaceful space for powerful work." This May, they're opening the gates wide.

How It All Began

Bueltmann spent more than two decades as a central figure in Michigan's craft beer industry — a managing partner at New Holland Brewing and first VP of marketing at Bell's Brewing — before retiring in 2020 to grow Red Horse into a full nonprofit. Alongside that career, he and his wife Ulla Frederiksen, a psychologist, had been quietly building their equine-assisted practice since getting certified as facilitators in 2002.

"When we came to Michigan, we bought a house that came with a horse," Bueltmann recalled. "We quickly investigated — does anybody combine these things (psychology and equine)?"

The nonprofit now serves adolescents and adults across three lanes: mental health services, personal wellness, and professional development. Clients range from individuals in therapy to workplace teams on retreats. Monthly "herd meditations" are open to the public — no horse experience required, no specific outcome expected. "Some people have big epiphanies," Bueltmann said. "Some say, 'I come here because it resets me.' And that's enough." The facilitation team includes Frederiksen, Jenny Atlee — whose background spans human rights and trauma recovery work, social worker Ruth (Teji) Dilley, and Bueltmann, who specializes in professional development and company culture. All four are certified in equine-assisted facilitation

At the heart of it all is a belief that the horses are active participants, not props. Their innate sensitivity and wordless communication create openings for insight that a traditional office setting rarely can. "There are things that happen because of their generosity and capacity that we as humans simply aren't capable of," Bueltmann said.

A Month of Mental Health — and a Milestone

For the fifth consecutive year, Red Horse has been selected to join the national Horses for Mental Health Campaign — a distinction reserved for nonprofits that meet high standards in both client and equine welfare. The campaign, backed by founding sponsor Zoetis and partners including the American Psychological Association's Section on Human-Animal Interaction, connects over 200 nonprofits worldwide and runs throughout May in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. Throughout the month, a team of volunteer Fundraising Ambassador Buddies — FABs — raise funds through their personal networks, with all proceeds staying local to support Red Horse programs. "When we work together to amplify messages of support and encouragement, we reduce stigma and barriers to care," Bueltmann said.

Last year's campaign delivered a stunning result. "We were looking to raise $25,000," Bueltmann said. "We ended up raising $628,000." That community generosity made possible the acquisition of a neighboring property, now lovingly named Juniper's Retreat House — after Juniper, the 30-year-old matriarch of the Red Horse herd, known as "Big Medicine." The fully furnished overnight retreat space allows guests to stay on the farm and fully immerse themselves in the experience. "Even more powerful than the money," Bueltmann reflected, "is the feeling of shared vision — the message that what we're doing matters to our community."

The Porch Party: May 16

The annual Porch Party Fundraiser takes place Saturday, May 16, from 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Red Horse farm in Fennville. Admission is free and open to all, and the event will also serve as the public debut of Juniper's Retreat House.

The evening features a silent auction, raffle prizes from local businesses, and a gallery show inside Juniper's House with artwork from the Saugatuck-Douglas Art Club available for purchase. The raffle grand prize is a full-day group retreat for eight with overnight lodging and meals, valued at $3,500. Tickets are $5 each, sold in person throughout the night.

Live music kicks off at 3:30 pm with the Red Horse Rambers, including sets form Mat Daly and Hannah Laine, followed by Great Lakes Brass — the New Orleans-inspired band founded by Bueltmann — who will lead a Fire Horse Second Line. Farmhouse Deli will serve food alongside local pours from Fenn Valley Vineyard, Cranes Cider, Modales Winery, Rusty Rocket Brewery, Noble Twist Brewery, and St. George Sodas.

Leading up to the party, Noble Twist Taphouse in Saugatuck will host a Give Back On Tap on May 13, donating proceeds to Red Horse. That same day, the West Michigan Lakeshore Chamber of Commerce's Community Impact Day sends volunteers to the farm for setup and landscaping.

RSVP in advance at www.redhorse.red/porch before 8:00 p.m. on May 15 for a chance to win $100 in Red Horse Bucks. Sponsors, auction donors, artists, and volunteers are also welcome — details at www.redhorse.red/events. The HMH Campaign page is at www.redhorse.red/hmh .

As for what comes after a $628,000 year? Bueltmann isn't chasing the number. "It's reminded us to be open to the limitless power of community," he said. "We can envision endless possibilities made possible by the generosity of our supporters."

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Thurs., Apr. 23, 2026: Safe Harbor Lifeline Gala. Registration is closed but donations can be made by visiting www.safeharborcac.org/events.

Fri., Apr. 24, 2926, 4-7pm: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Congregational Church 323 Cutler St. Allegan

Fri., Apr. 24, 2026, 7pm: Owen McDaniel. The Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan

Sat., Apr. 25, 2026, 8-10am: Mist Netting or Bird Program. Silver Creek County Park Hamilton

Sat., Apr. 25, 2026, 9am: Spring Seedling Sale. Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan

Sat., Apr. 25, 2026, 7am-10pm: Another Mother Grand Opening. Another Mother 211 Locust St. Allegan

Sun., Apr. 26, 2026, 1pm: Bargo Card Game. The Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan

CURRENT EVENTS

Wed., Apr. 22, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10am: Play Café – Caregivers can Drop in and enjoy a beverage while the little ones create in the children's area.
6pm: Plant & Puzzle Swap – Drop in and bring indoor and outdoor perennials or puzzles to swap.

Wed., Apr. 22, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Grab your instrument and join the jam or just come and listen and have lunch. Eat lunch, relax, refresh, repeat.

Thurs., Apr. 23, 2026, 9am-4pm: Community Blood Pressure Screening
Allegan Bible Church 412 Sherman St. Allegan
Wings of Hope will host a Blood Pressure Clinic. All are welcome.

Thurs., Apr. 23, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime – Kids 3-5 can drop in for stories and activities.
4pm: Teen Advisory Group – Grades 8-12 can drop in and help plan future teen activities and enjoy snacks.
6pm: History with Mark – Register at 269 673-4625 to spend an evening with Mark Lovett exploring Benjamin Pritchard and Jefferson Davis on May 10, 1865.

Thurs., Apr. 23, 2026, 6pm: 18th Annual Lifeline Gala
The Silo 1071 32nd St. Allegan
Join Safe Harbor in an evening of extraordinary raffles, cocktails and cuisine, and Buttons for Bravery auction. Purchase tickets on the alleganfoundation.org/community-calendar.

Fri., Apr. 24, 2926, 4-7pm: Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
Congregational Church 323 Cutler St. Allegan
Come and support the Congregational kitchen by enjoy a great meal.

Fri., Apr. 24, 2026, 6pm: Family Nerf Night
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Register at 269 673-4625 to battle family members and friends. A water break will be provided.

Fri., Apr. 24, 2026, 7pm: Owen McDaniel
The Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan
Members and guests can enjoy a wonderful breakfast. New members are welcome. Speak with a member or ring the doorbell and we will answer your questions.

Sat., Apr. 25, 2026, 8-10am: Mist Netting or Bird Program
Silver Creek County Park Hamilton
All ages can help retrieve birds from nets, band birds, record vital information, and release birds back to the wild. Register through the Outdoor Discovery Center (ODC).

Sat., Apr. 25, 2026, 9am: Spring Seedling Sale
Allegan Conservation District 2412 Taft Rd. Allegan

Sat., Apr. 25, 2026, 7am-10pm: Another Mother Grand Opening
Another Mother 211 Locust St. Allegan
The new craft cocktail lounge and restaurant feature small plates and "noodz" boasting thoughtful flavors. Bar hours: 7am-11pm; Brunch hours: 7am-2pm; Dinner hours: 4pm-10pm.

Sun., Apr. 26, 2026, 1pm: Bargo Card Game
The Eagles Chestnut St. Allegan
Members and guests can enjoy a wonderful breakfast. New members are welcome. Speak with a member or ring the doorbell and we will answer your questions.

Mon., Apr. 27, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
3:30pm: Sing Song Family Yoga – All ages can join Deb Weiss-Gelmi for yoga, music and literacy.
6pm: Bingo – All ages can take a chance to win prizes.

Tues., Apr. 28, 2026: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Lapsit Storytime – 0-2 year olds can drop in for stories and activities.
1pm: Friends of the Library Meeting – all are welcome to gather and plan activities that support the library.

Apr. 29 – May 3, 2026: Vote for favorite Photos
Everyone can go online to vote for favorite photos submitted to the Allegan County Photo Contest.

Wed., Apr. 29, 2026, 11am-12:45pm: Ways to reduce taxes
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
Register for a free workshop on Retirement Roadblocks – how to potentially reduce taxes. Questions: call 616 636-1673.

Wed., Apr. 29, 2026, 11am-3pm: House of the Rising Song Café
Good Shepherd Church 101 N. Walnut St. Allegan
Grab your instrument and join the jam or just come and listen and have lunch. Eat lunch, relax, refresh, repeat.

Thurs., Apr. 30, 2026, 12-2pm: Job Fair
Wayland High School 870 E. Superior, Wayland
Students from all over Allegan County are welcome to speak with potential employers.

Thurs., Apr. 30: Library Fun
Allegan District Library 331 Hubbard St. Allegan
10:30am: Preschool Storytime – 3-5 year olds can drop in for stories and fun.
3:30pm: Teen Trivia Time – Grades 6-12 can drop in to test their knowledge on Pop Culture

Fri., May 1- Sun. 3, 2026: Spring Weekend Camp
Camp Kidwell 1st St. Bloomingdale
Ages can take time to relax and have fun. Register at https://www.campkidwell.org/.

Fri., May 1 & Sat., May 2, 2026, 10am-4pm: The Old Jail Museum
The Old Jail Museum Walnut Street Allegan
The Museum will be open Friday and Saturday during the summer months. All are welcome to come and explore Allegan County's past.

Fri., May 1 & Sat., May 2, 2026, 7pm: Kids vs Adults
Sun. May 3, 2pm: Kids vs Adults
Allegan Griswold Auditorium Hubbard St. Allegan
Enjoy a round of One Act plays by the Allegan Community Players during the 12th Annual One Acts Festival.

Sat., May 2, 2026, 4pm: Tammy's Retirement Party
Eagles 2315 Chestnut St. Allegan
The public is invited to join Tammy's celebration.

Fri., May 8, 2026, 6-8:30pm: Spring Wine Tasting
The Silo 1071 32nd St. (M-40 S.) Allegan
Purchase a ticket and enjoy wines and pairings. Get tickets at www.silobanquet.com or call 269 686-8383.

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Allegan County Community Action - Assistance for daily living
23 Water Street, Allegan, MI 49010, www.communityactionallegan.org, (269) 673-5472
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Allegan Homeless Solutions - Helping eliminate barriers to housing.
108 Grant St., Plainwell MI 49080
www.alleganhomelesssolutions.org, Email: info@alleganhomelesssolutions.org

The Arc of Allegan County - Advocates for people with disabilities
219 Hubbard Street, Allegan 269 673-8841
Mission to advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the community.

Baby Closet – Newborn Clothing and Supplies
Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 101 N. Walnut Street Allegan
Call 269 673-2254 and leave a message.

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Grief Support Groups
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Interfaith Sunday Services
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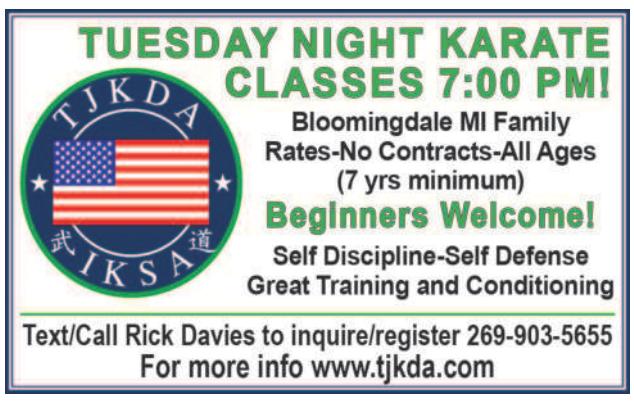
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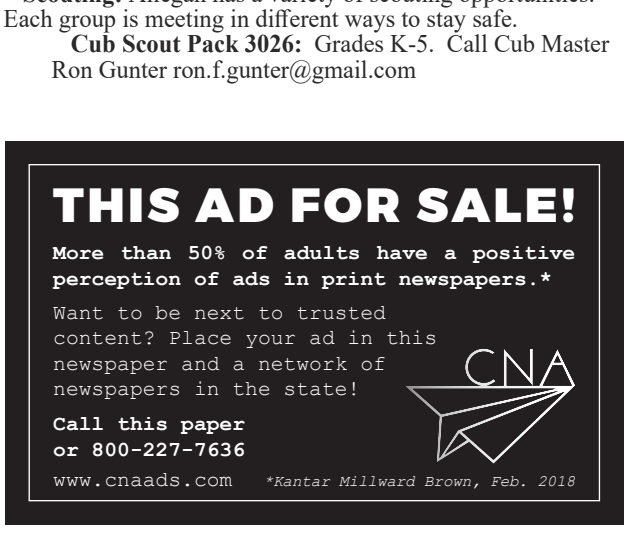
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Virtue farm closes, brand remains

By Scott Sullivan
Writer

Greg Hall has sold his 48-acre Virtue Cider Farm in Fennville again. This time it appears for good.

Hall, who worked 20 years as brewmaster for his father John Hall's Chicago-based Goose Island Beer Co., during the first decade of the century immersed himself in European cider culture, soaking up traditional techniques from some of England and France's top cider craftsmen.

So when giant Anheuser Busch bought Goose Island in 2011, Greg Hall spent much of the windfall pursuing his dream to acquire lush Fenn Valley land to create craft cider from homegrown and nearby apple orchards.

He set down roots to create a working farm serving European-inspired ciders made with Michigan apples, indoor and outdoor serving areas, live music nights, celebrations, festivals. The Commercial Record visited often to partake in photography, sometimes more.

Soon the overhead caught up with Hall, he ceased local advertising and in 2015 sold his 51-percent stake in the Virtue brand to Anheuser Busch, still the mothership. By 2017 AB InBev owned the whole shebang.

But Virtue, unlike many craft beer ventures, was not yet swallowed up. Hall in 2023 pulled off a second act, quietly reacquiring Virtue from the St. Louis-bassed brewing giant. "Moving forward," he then told the Beer Street Journal, "we'll continue to focus on what we've always done."

He announced a full distribution overhaul, farmhouse tasting room renovation, a new menu direction and guest chef dinners, local artist collaborations and a reinvigorated direct-to-drinker subscription service delivering sustainable sips nationwide, he told both the CR and ABJ.

It was not to be.

On April 14, Hall sent a direct message to his mailing list confirming the farm have been sold and will not reopen in 2026. The on-site cider shop is closed and Cider Society cooked as well.

The brand though lives. Virtue will continue through distribution by M4 in Michigan and Brew City in Illinois while Hall works to find a new production partner, the Beer Journal said.

In his farewell letter Hall thanked investors, apple growers, suppliers, bands, distributors and retailers, closing with a quote from poet John Keats: "A thing of beauty is a joy forever."

So Virtue goes.

Wayland has Peace Church to take a step of faith

By Joseph Schultz

Peace Church, one of the fastest-growing churches in Wayland, has outgrown its leased site on West Superior and is looking for a building that can house its ministry. The church believes it may have found the building it needs at the corner of Reno Drive and 133rd Avenue.

At the Tuesday planning meeting, the commissioners reviewed the church's Special Land Use application for the property. The property is currently in the I-2 zone, and the need for the church to add additional parking spots on the site required them to seek a Special Land Use permit.

Township Planner Tricia Anderson explained to the commission that, normally, a special land use application requires a fully engineered site plan. However, the church did not provide one.

The church's spokesperson stated that the church is currently looking at purchasing the property and does not want to spend the money getting an engineered site plan if they will not be permitted to expand the parking lot. They want to know that they will have a special land use permit before they purchase the property and pay for a site plan.

Anderson explained that the ordinance for special land uses requires a site plan be submitted; there is no way to separate the two. Commissioners were concerned that the church would not have enough parking. Some questioned whether the church could add parking to the front of the building, though parking in the front is generally prohibited in industrial zones.

However, it was pointed out that the Robinson Dental office, to the north of the site, has parking in the front of its building. The current building also has some parking in the front right now. Peace Church plans to extend that parking lot to the south, and not to the west or the front of the property.

Anderson recommended that a favorable recommendation be sent to the city council for the special use permit, pending 14 conditions the church must meet. Those conditions would be met with a fully engineered site plan.

Representatives from the church agreed to pay for an engineered site plan to meet those conditions. The planning commission voted to send a favorable recommendation to the city council, with those 14 conditions.

Outdated Zoning Maps and Ordinances

The Planning Commission also took up a rezoning request from Dennis and Cheryl Wilke. The Wilkes own 10 acres of land that straddles the border of the City of Wayland and Wayland Township.

It is the Wilkes' desire to split off the front three acres of their land that is in the City of Wayland. The split-off land will be used to provide housing for their children. The remaining acres in Wayland Township will contain the Wilkes' current home.

When the Wilkes sought guidance to split the property, it was discovered that the land was zoned as an outdated R-A, while all the other properties around it were zoned R-1. A search was made, and the city could not find a mention that the property was updated to R-1 when the city updated the zoning ordinance. This oversight prompted the need for the rezoning request.

After some discussion and explanation of the outdated zoning maps, the commissioners voted to recommend approval of the rezoning request to the city council.

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WUS receives awards and grants

By Joseph Schultz

The Leaders in Our Community (LOC) program at Wayland Union Schools received an Education Excellence Award from the SET SEG Foundation and the Michigan Association of School Boards. As one of only 12 school districts recognized across the state, the district was honored for the LOC program's ability to "change lives and impact students' future."

The award comes with a trophy, a check for $2,500, and an Education Excellence Award road sign. School board member Becky Hornke noted that the LOC club has expanded over the years and that the program is "a great representation of our schools and our community."

Outstanding People for Education Award

It was also announced that Wayland Union had 91 staff members nominated for the Outstanding People for Education Award. The award recognizes individuals in Allegan County who are going above and beyond to serve the students in our public schools.

Among the nominees, three were selected to receive the award: high school Athletic Administrative Assistant Autumn Bonte, high school Intervention Specialist Erin Koopman, and bus driver Steve Wright. They will receive their awards at a banquet next month.

Manufacturing and Engineering Education Re-imagined for All (MEERA) Curriculum

Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services Teresa Fulk informed the board that the district has received a 61B grant, which will fund the implementation of the Manufacturing and Engineering Education Re-imagined for All (MEERA) curriculum.

The MEERA program will be geared toward middle school students and will introduce them to 3D printing, CNC work, electrical circuits, robotics, coding, and welding. It will start as a pilot program next year. Fulk said that they were "elated" to be able to bring this program to the middle school students.

School Board Actions

The Wayland School Board voted to approve the purchase of iPads and Chromebooks for classroom use. A new Digital Design and Technology course for high school students was also approved for the 2026-27 school year. Additionally, the board approved a motion to sell surplus property during the Wayland Citywide Garage Sales in June.

A Public Comment of Gratitude

High school freshman Peyton Mathis addressed the board to express her gratitude for Fulk and her involvement with the Anne Frank Exhibit. "Miss Fulk, you are making a positive difference that we need here at Wayland," Mathis stated. "Everything that you do does not go unnoticed, especially by me."

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Artemis II gives me hope that Mars colony is possible

MIKE'S MUSINGS

MIKE WILCOX
■ PUBLISHER ■

Artemis II isn't just another spaceflight, it's a statement about who we are, what we value, and whether we still have the will to push beyond the edge of the known.

When astronauts swung around the far side of the Moon—the so-called "dark side," more accurately the far side never visible from Earth they temporarily lose all communication with home. No live feeds. No reassuring voice from Mission Control. Just silence, distance, and the kind of isolation that defined the earliest era of exploration. It's a moment that will feel almost primitive in an age of constant connectivity and that's exactly why it matters.

More than 50 years ago, the Apollo 11 mission proved something extraordinary: that the United States could take on a seemingly impossible challenge and achieve it within a decade. When Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface in 1969, it wasn't just a technological triumph, but a cultural one. It united a divided nation, inspired a generation, and demonstrated that bold ambition could translate into reality. As a teen I beamed with pride knowing we had accomplished the unbelievable.

But here's the uncomfortable truth: we haven't been back. Personally I find that mighty strange. I know the Shuttle programs had different objectives, but to say we haven't went back to the moon in more than a half century is perplexing.

For decades, the Moon became a symbol not of progress, but of something we once did. Something filed away as history rather than a steppingstone. Artemis II changes that narrative. It's not about repeating Apollo. It's about restarting the journey.

Flying around the Moon's far side is a deliberate choice. It tests navigation, communication limits, and human endurance in deep space—conditions we must master before attempting longer missions, including sustained lunar presence and eventual trips to Mars. This isn't sightseeing; it's preparation.

And there's something deeper at play here. In 1969, we went to the Moon largely because of geopolitical competition. The Space Race drove urgency and funding. Today, the motivation is more complex: scientific discovery, international collaboration, economic opportunity, a renewed sense of purpose.

That shift matters. Artemis II represents a transition from a sprint to a strategy.

Critics will argue that the billions spent on space exploration could be used here on Earth. It's a fair question—but it misses the broader impact. The Apollo program accelerated advancements in computing, materials science, and telecommunications. Artemis is poised to do the same with new technologies in propulsion, sustainability, and robotics. Investing in space has always been, indirectly, an investment in ourselves.

There's also the matter of inspiration, something harder to quantify but impossible to ignore. A new generation has grown up without defining space achievement. Artemis II has the potential to change that, to once again make space exploration feel immediate and human, not distant and archival.

When that spacecraft slipped behind the Moon and radio contact faded, it echod a moment from Apollo missions when astronauts described the far side as both eerie and awe-inspiring. But this time, the silence will carry a different message: not "we've done this before," but "we're doing it again because we have somewhere further to go."

If Apollo 11 was proof of concept, Artemis II is proof of commitment.

And this time, the goal isn't just to visit the Moon.

It's to stay, to build, and to use it as the launchpad for the next giant leap. That next giant leap is Mars. I probably won't see it in my lifetime, but just envisioning a colony on Mars gives me much hope for humanity.

Life as Performance Art

G CORWIN STOPPEL

History fascinates me. Not so much timelines we learned to create in school, nor memorizing dates, names, battles, et.al. All that mattered but I best liked finding connections between them and how things worked out.

The late Perry Miller, who wrote about New England Puritans, and David McCullough who wrote about Americana from Adams to the Ohio River, are the fine history writers. On film, the go-to name is Ken Burns.

My history Ph.D. dissertation dealt with 1660s England church and state relationships. I took special interest cutthroats known as the Fifth Monarchy Men. They were suppressed and died out by the end of the decade, yet their ideas come back.

The Fifth Monarchy Men were not the first to cherry-pick from the Bible to predict Jesus would return in 1666, set up shop in England and throw piety in foes' faces, noting the young Savior and his uncle Joseph of Arimathea might have even visited the island.

They were also very anti-Catholic *and* Church of England. All who disagreed with their doctrine deserved execution.

For a while they contented themselves with preaching and penning pamphlets and preaching, but by 1665 they were frantic to ready the isle for His return.

The FFM London branch decided now was time to take the kingdom by force, i.e. ignite Armageddon. On Epiphany evening Jan. 6, 1666, they stormed into St Paul's Cathedral and shot up the children's choral evensong.

Several worshippers were hurt and killed in this holy war terrorist attack before the gunmen escaped into London. Diarist Samuel Pepys reported London was in turmoil for days fearing another outbreak.

Within a week some Fifth Monarchists were cornered by soldiers and killed in a shoot-out; survivors were arrested, quickly tried, and hanged later the same day.

That was the end of the religious terrorists, but not of their ideas to usher in the Apocalypse and Millennial Reign of Saints. They believed that even if a few people died, it was worth it because they were living in the End Times and those wretched sinners would die anyway.

The theme has cropped up a few times in the past, although usually with less violence. Purveyors were often labeled as fringes of traditional Christianity.

The theology exists today. Yes, The End will happen sometime, but we don't know when. Others claim they know the exact time and place Christ will land when He returns, i.e. they are trying to control the story and the calendar which Jesus warned was a no-no. Several Russian Orthodox clergy tied to the Kremlin suggest it will come "any day now."

Paul Theil, co-founder of Pay Pal, Palintar and other data-gathering corporations have openly talked about nudging the timetable of the apocalypse and rise of the anti-Christ. What was once the territory of conservative Protestant millennialism debates has moved to the business and international political news sections of reputable newspapers.

Open debate and discussion are always good things. But wedding political theory with theology is why framers of our Constitution separated church and state.

Are proponents of the war with Iran and Israel bombing alleged Hezbollah sites in Lebanon trying to take the Kingdom by force? This wouldn't be the first time either.

None of this means the church cannot speak out on public issues, but it is not allowed to run secular government. Nor can government compel the church, or any denomination the spiritual bureau of any branch of government, to bend to its demands. When three mid-20th Century dictators tried doing that, it was a fiasco for everyone.

Skepticism can be a good thing. For example, why churches tax-exempt? They do good things (i.e. furnish food, clothes, education plus care and comfort for the most vulnerable citizens).

In return, their leaders can't endorse any party or politician lest they risk their institutions' tax-exempt status.

We question schoolchildren having a "holiday" or Christmas tree in their building, which songs can be sung in late December and what a valedictorian can or can't say in his/her graduation speech. And, of course, we still argue over whether the 10 Commandments can be posted in a public classroom.

Stoppel's Simple Solutions for Sticky Situation is post the Scout Laws. They provide good moral guidance that parallels the Big 10 without kicking the hornet's nest.

Though church and state are supposedly separate, but a sliver of the Defense Department budget is to cover the costs of providing chaplains to those in uniform. The padre's primary job is to offer spiritual and emotional guidance. Or, as my father would say when one of the men in his platoon was fussing too much, "Ah, go tell it to the padre."

That wasn't to get the problem child out of his barracks, but point the malcontent to someone who could help him talk through his/her concerns. Like their civilian counterparts, chaplains for the public are forbidden from endorsing a party or politician. Our present war secretary may want to turn this another way.

These are a few reasons why I find this current "excursion" into Iran so troubling. There seems lack of clarity beyond ridding them of nukes and dipping into the nation's oil reserves.

The U.S. has meddled in Iranian affairs since at least 1953, when Western nations brought about a regime change because they had drilled for oil and pledged to pay for it but wouldn't open books to Iran's prime minister. When he suggested maybe something was being hidden, such as "cooking the books," he was overthrown, and the Shah installed.

That solved one problem and created new ones. The Shah was brutal, corrupt and sitting game when the Iranian Revolution established today's largely-Muslim theocracy. Old fears of a Muslim conquest dating back to the Crusades were trotted out and restored in its wake.

We used the smokescreen Weapons of Mass Destruction to justify going into Iraq, so why not another this time in Iran seeking all its enriched uranium no one has so far ever seen. We fell for the WMD ruse to the tune of two wars to oust Iraq's Saddam Hussein and keep that land's oil flowing our way, why not same with Iran?

As Mark Twain said, "Everyone wants to get to heaven, but no one is in a hurry to do it." End times will happen when they happen and we have no voice or vote in it. Only God knows, Jesus told his disciples when they asked.

Let's leave this alone and do the right thing by caring for other people.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Writer agrees armed forces should be commended but war is unnecessary

Publisher Mike Wilcox writes that "War Rescues were Easter Weekend Miracle". I agree with him and feel great pride about the courage and commitment of our armed forces to leave no one behind. The training, skill, and grit required to carry out this rescue is extraordinary. I'm relieved that our soldiers will return home.

What I feel needs adding to the story is that this remarkable mission should never have been needed. The president recklessly and illegally attacked Iran, for unstated or ever-shifting goals that appear unachievable. He has needlessly put our service men and women in danger, many have lost their lives. Hundreds of Iranians, many children and civilians, have been killed. Billions of dollars wasted and the peace president wants more funding for his war department.

The world and the U.S. (remember America first?) are certainly not better off now than before this current catastrophe began. It is way past time to end both this military action and the unhinged administration that got us into this mess.

Bill Diedrich

Don't penalize drivers over 75

Hello Editor!

I am contacting you in regards to a proposed bill in Michigan concerning persons 75 and older being retested and road-tested annually. My wife is 75 and I am 76 and we both have flawless driving records. Each and every day we witness young and old driving recklessly. Weaving in and out of traffic, speeding, tailgating, pulling out in front of others and talking and texting to name various violations. We live in a residential neighborhood with a 45 mph speed limit. and just the other day I witnessed a young man driving well over the posted limit while pulling a trailer with what appeared to be loaded with farm equipment. He's the one that needs retesting. I feel that a driver regardless of their age should be retested and possibly roadtested based on their driving record. Violations, tickets, etc. I look at this as possible age discrimination. Everyone gets a little older every day, not to our choosing. Why should we be punished for it? Thanks for hearing this old man out!

Ben

Two Nations

Dear Editor:

Are you as astounded as I am at the existence of so much targeted vitriol, division and hostility within the United States? It's as though there are Two Nations sharing the same Continent, Nation.

Charles Dickens in his 1859 book, The Tale of Two Cities said it best; here is his Introduction:

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way—in short, the period was so far like the present period, that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only."

Charles Dickens story relates to two different countries exposing the duality of their cultural positions; from his Introduction, it's clear one view is Uplifting while the other is Foolish and Dark, even Evil. Below are two topics highlighted in The Tale of Two Cities Story:.

Social Injustice has morphed into false notions and ignorance of United States Cultural norms. Numerous established Laws have and are being ignored. Today hundreds and/or thousands of criminals, murderers, rapists, … walk the streets in your neighborhoods. The dead body counts increase daily. Inequality on other hand has created boat loads of Frauds; it's the new industry of the future. In reality it's forced false Charity benefiting only the cheaters, fraudsters.

I'm wondering? Will anyone or any group be held accountable? Perhaps the new code of conduct includes cheating, lying, deception, … sabotage, Treason or ignoring ones oath of office?

Revenge and Retribution are the order of the day; day after day after day. Why is the this necessary? Did someone identify the ill gained fortunes of somebody or their indifference solving serious National Security breaches, … or perhaps self enrichment of special groups? It's so obvious that some are hell-bent to malign, intimidate and discredit others at every opportunity. It's clear, Revenge and Retribution is the renewed behavior game in our Nation. Of course, it's all for FUN, it's free speech, … its a comedy TV show, … it's just laugh time.

There is a question however. Have those seeking Revenge and Retribution been stricken with an illness or infectious diseases or rabid chronic mental issues?

For decades, countries friendly and opposed to the United States have been allowed to infiltrate, influence, … and corrupt our children and citizens. United States citizens, elected officials, … and law enforcement have in part or in whole been indifferent allowing known illegal drugs and foreigners entering the country while some elected officials help and support recognized enemies who openly announce their intentions to murder our citizens, us.

In my opinion, some are hell-bent on continuous National Destruction. This wanton cultural behavior of Duality described by Charles Dickens in 1859 is on full display today; it's not constructive and distorts the image and reputation of the United States, our Nation.

Are you astonished at our Two Nation debates? What's your opinion, Wise or Foolish?

Philip Zamlynski

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Owners, breeders and raisers of beautiful alpaca took time during Alpaca Fest 2026 to chat with visitors who wanted to learn more about these fluffy animals. Many were able to feel the soft fiber and learn how the fleece was harvested and turned into yarn. Photo: G. Voss

Alpaca Fest headlined weekend full of events

By Gari Voss

Saturday, April 18, 2026, brought some chilly temperatures back to Southwest Michigan, while the area was warming up with signs of spring activities and glimpses of summer. For those thinking of spring and creating a new look for summer, there was the Art in the Garden at the Silo on M-40 South. For lovers of warm and fluffy animals, a visit to the Allegan County Fairgrounds gave an opportunity to view and touch alpaca plus purchase delightful alpaca items during Alpaca Fest. Families looking at possibilities for summer activities, the Griswold Auditorium's downstairs held summer events and camp information. Then there was the Downtown Allegan Clean Up Day sponsored by the Sassy Olive and the Honor Credit Union. The challenge was to take time to enjoy each event.

Judges carefully felt the fleece of alpaca during the numerous shows. Each animal's fleece was assessed for attributes such as fineness (micron), structure, density, fleece organization or uniformity, color, brightness, and impurities. Alpaca Fest on Sat., Apr. 18, 2026, at the Allegan Fairgrounds delight young and not as young as they admired the animals and the items created from their fleece. Photo: G. Voss

Art in the Garden on Sat., Apr. 18, 2026, gave artists and artisans an opportunity to share their creations with shoppers and visitors. The event held surprises for all ages while promoting conversations on techniques used in the many items available for sale. Photo: G. Voss

In the Kids' Corner during Art in the Garden, Joel Berranen puts finishing touches on a succulent planter which was just one of many arts activities offered. In the soft hall, Jack Armintrout works on his wall creation while sister Blaire takes a bit of a break. These activities made browsing and shopping much easier for caregivers. Photos: G. Voss

Just one of the many artists at Art in the Garden, Renae Baumgart of Renae's Rip Studio shared her wonderful mosaics created with small bits of antique wallpaper. Each picture is created with hundreds to thousands of ripped fragments arranged to form intricate pictures. Photo: G. Voss

Children and their parents were able to stop at the tables during the Summer Activities Fair on Sat., Apr. 18, 2026, downstairs at the Griswold Auditorium. Looking to summer and the infamous words "I'm bored", parents and caregivers were able to investigate summer camps, theater activities, the scouting programs, Allegan District Library events, and even the Old Jail Museum for ideas on summer fun. Photo: G. Voss

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Wayland Robotics win title at State Championship and advance to World Championship

The Wayland Wildcats Robotics Team 6090 delivered a powerhouse performance at the FIRST in Michigan District Championship, held April 16–18, 2026, at Saginaw Valley State University. Competing on the Consumers Energy Foundation Field, the Wildcats dominated qualification rounds, commanded the playoff bracket, and returned home as Field Champions.

The Wildcats posted an impressive 11–1 record in qualification matches, securing the No. 1 seed and earning the role of Alliance 1 captain. With that top position, Team 6090 selected a familiar and formidable partner: Team 2767 Stryke Force from Kalamazoo. Stryke Force accepted the invitation, forming a high-powered duo. To complete the alliance, the Wildcats chose Team 2586 The Copper Bots from Calumet, a team known for consistent playoff strength.

The trio proved unstoppable in the Consumers Energy Foundation Division.

Wayland's alliance swept through the playoff rounds with a perfect 5–0 record, capturing the Consumers Energy Foundation Division Championship and securing the coveted FIRST in Michigan District Title for their field.

A key part of the Wildcats' success was the skill and composure of their playoff drive team. The group included Drive Coach Jack Lyons (senior), Lead Driver Zak Evans (senior), Driver Abree VanDenBrink (sophomore), and Human Player Jackson Kositzky (freshman). Their coordination, quick decision-making, and on-field awareness played a crucial role in the team's dominant run. The program is led by Head Coach Dave Merice, whose guidance has helped shape the Wildcats into one of Michigan's rising robotics powerhouses.

Beyond their on-field success, the Wildcats also earned recognition for their technical excellence. Wayland took home the Autonomous Award sponsored by Google.org, celebrating their precision, reliability, and innovation during the autonomous period of each match.

Team 6090's season statistics underscore their competitive dominance. The Wildcats posted an Offensive Power Rating (OPR) of 133.60, a Defensive Power Rating (DPR) of 108.47, and a Calculated Contribution to Winning Margin (CCWM) of 25.13—numbers that place them among the elite performers in the state.

With their state championship Final Four showing, the Wayland Wildcats have earned their ticket to the 2026 FIRST World Championship, where they will compete in Houston, Texas, from April 29 to May 2, 2026.

Leighton adopts ordinance placing 12 month moratorium on data centers

By David Young

The Leighton Township Board indeed is cutting off at the pass any controversy involving data centers. The board Thursday night unanimously agreed to adopt an ordinance establishing a 12-month moratorium on the issue after examining what has happened to nearby municipalities.

Supervisor Steve Wolbrink said, "We've been watching our neighbors (Dorr and Gaines townships) and we've been advised to implement a moratorium."

Clerk Rachel Fennema said, "We need to pass this now to give our Planning Commission time to work on it. After a year, we should have our ducks in a row."

Trustee John Hooker said, "(Township Planner) Andy (Moore) said that we could have something in place by this fall."

The controversy surrounding the Microsoft Corporation's proposed data centers has been close to home over the last several months, culminating in Dorr deciding on a one-year moratorium in the face of fierce opposition of the public.

Many residents have shown up at public meetings to tell board members not to give in to Microsoft's plans to establish such centers because they use a huge amount of water and threaten the environment.

zoned precisely for the use the company seeks. So if it was denied at this time, the corporation could take Dorr to court, where it is more than likely Dorr Township would lose have have to pay the courts.

No data center proposals have been made as yet to Leighton, but if there are in the future, the idea is to make the local municipality ready.

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Kids vs Adults requires public judication

By Gari Voss

The Allegan Community Players returns Friday, May 1 through Sunday, May 3, 2026, with the 12 Annual One Acts Festival: Kids vs Adults at the Griswold Auditorium in Allegan. Friday and Saturday will offer a 7pm show while Sunday will feature a 2pm matinee. Each show will pit one-act plays starring young actors against one acts starring adults. The competition is all for fun, but there are real undertones of the desire to out-perform the other with consequences built in.

In the past, the audience has been asked to vote for their favorite one act play each evening. This year, there is a special twist. The first act will feature four of the plays. The first two will be the same for each performance. The third and fourth plays will be a kids vs adult competition. During intermission, the audience will have an opportunity to vote for the third or fourth production of their choice. While the audience is enjoying the second act that includes the other four one acts, audience votes will be counted, and the winner announced in the middle of Act 2.

There will be three opportunities to enjoy this wonderful production. *Barnaby Bulldog and the Kittens* and *College Hunk Movers* will not compete, and will begin each performance, the third through eighth plays will change to allow for different pairings for which to vote. Thus, the audience will be extremely important in determining if the kids or adults give the best performances.

Friday evening's competitors will be *Alien Nation* vs *Moving Back* with the loser performing a live Facebook post about how great the other play was. Saturday evening *oRANGE* will vie against *Priceless* with the loser eating a baby food cocktail made by the winning team. During the Sunday matinee, *Who's the Dummy Now?* will go against *We're Toast* with the loser getting a pie in the face.

To prepare for their part in this production, audience members can review the plays written by area playwrights and directed by local residents.

Barnaby Bulldog and the Kittens was written by Don Grant and directed by Caia Rhude. The audience will be introduced to a clumsy bulldog who is searching for water and along the way meets some new friends. The production allows some of the youngest actors to take the stage. The actors include Matt Decker as the narrator, Lacey Morton as Francine Feline, John Morton as Barnaby Bulldog, Cecelia Troub as Sophia Kitten, Emelia Cossairt as Blueberry Kitten, and Lorelei Decker as Star Kitten. The play was written specifically for the young stars who were able to choose their own names.

College Hunk Movers is written by Les Abromovitz and directed by Whitney Ehresman. A woman hires College Hunks Movers only to find that they are definitely not in college, and they are far from hunks. The stars are Autumn White as Connie and Mike Leonard as Frank.

Alien Nation was written by Marilyn Zerlak and directed by Izaac Schans. Three classmates meet their substitute teacher, Mr. Evilton, and he teaches them a lesson about believing everything you hear while questioning what you learn. It stars Izaac Schans as Mr. Evilton, Brooklyn Morton as Tammy, Eleanor Hoffmeister as Molly, and William Whitaker as Jimmy.

Moving Back, written by Linda LaRocque, is directed by Whitney Ehresman. The story stars Jane Holewa as Mom, Amethyst Landsberg as Belle, and Lindsay Kruse as Laverne and follows two sisters who are visiting their Ma to discuss moving back home, but Ma has a warning for them that may change their minds.

oRANGE, written by Erin Osgood is directed by Anna Cossairt. As the story unfolds, four kids learn to put aside differences and use their strengths when building friendships. The cast includes Edith Hoffmeister as One, Theia Rhude as Two, Celia Grant as Three, and Caia Rhude as Four.

Priceless, written by Samara Siskind and directed by Michael Troub, reunites two long lost friends who have fallen out of contact, but never fell out of each other's thoughts. Stars Mason Haas as Jonas and Matilda Allen as Samantha.

We're Toast is written and directed by Don Grant. Wyatt Tussey as The Captain, Jay Joynes as The Scientist, and Donald Grant as The Soldier are a crew of time travelers who crash in the distant past of 2026 and must find their way back home using the primitive technology of the time period.

Who's the Dummy Now? is written by Nora Kunetz and Spike Kunetz and directed by Mason Haas and Matilda Allen. The play stars Molleigh DeMann as Nora, Darby DeMann as Miss Bangles, Kyrstin Herren as Humphrey, and Celia Grant as Avery. Two ventriloquists and their dummies determine who is the better ventriloquist and who is the real dummy.

Come early and enjoy refreshments in the Marilla Lounge. The Griswold Auditorium doors open 30 minutes before the curtain rises. Tickets are $10 in advance or $15 the day of the performance. Tickets can be purchased at alleganplayers.ludus.com.

Faces in the Crowd

By G C Stoppel

The Artemis II space shot took astronauts further in space than ever before and gave the world a peak at the dark side of the moon. It launched and returned safely, which was a technological marvel. Your thoughts:

-Man near the Fennville hardware store: "Yeah, well, I watched it go up and come down, and I'm glad they did it, but that had to cost a lot of money. The government has got money for this and that war, but not to take care of people. There's something wrong here."

-Friend with him: "I sort of agree. But what's the big picture? It's not like we'll ever have a sustainable colony on the mood or nothing like that. A big waste."

-Woman near the Fennville grocery store: "I watched the launch, but when I heard what could have gone wrong, you know, like the Columbia one, I couldn't watch it come back in case…. Just glad they made it back in one piece."

-Young boy and mother near the Allegan Public Library: "Wow! That was great. I am going to be an astronaut when I grow up and go to the moon and to Mars and…." Mother laughs: "You still have to be home for dinner." Boy: "I know and go to bed on time." Pouts.

-Man near the Huntington Bank: "I didn't pay it much attention. It's nice and all of that, but it's just one more thing that Trump gets to use to avoid the Epstein files. He needs to own up on that."

-Man, same location: "You wouldn't get me to go nowhere on a big firecracker like those rockets. That's just tempting fate, if you ask me."

-Woman, same location, "Well, I'm glad we did it. But outside of some national bragging rights, I can't see where it did the country any good. It seems to me that we have enough to take care of here at home without going for a moon shot, too."

-Man near Allegan City Hall: "I don't know what to think. They keep talking about setting up a moon base so they can go farther into space. I don't see that happening in my lifetime, and I don't think it will ever happen."

-Woman with him: "And then they say that we might have to leave earth because of one thing or another. But just going to the moon isn't going to do much. I don't know, I think there is something fishy about this."

-Man near the Allegan Post Office: "Well, if they are so smart to have cured Covid by using their big computers, like they said they did, then they can use them to figure out space."

-Boy near Minnie's: Raises his first in triumph, "To infinity and beyond!" Older woman explained: "It's from Buzz Lightfoot. You know, the guy in Toy Story."

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Storms ■ *from Page A1*

damage across the city."

Plainwell saw more direct impacts in some areas, particularly on the north side of the city.

"Unfortunately, the storm caused a great deal of damage to homes on the north side of Plainwell," Plainwell City Manager Justin Lakamper said. "We are seeing a large number of downed trees, several of which fell on people's homes, sheds, decks and fences causing significant damage."

He said the change in some areas was striking.

"Visually, the number of trees that are gone is stunning," Lakamper said. "There are areas that previously were heavily wooded that no longer are."

Among the hardest-hit areas were neighborhoods along Miller Road and sections of 6th, 9th and 10th streets, where uprooted trees and debris left properties significantly altered.

North of Plainwell along 106th Avenue, the storm caused major damage to structures, including a business that lost its roof and a nearby farm where a newly built barn was torn from its foundation and scattered hundreds of yards away.

Debris from those sites was blown onto U.S. 131, forcing an overnight closure.

In Otsego, crews worked to clear large tree debris from residential streets including Oak and Morrell streets, while a clinic along M-89 sustained damage from falling trees.

Trees were down all around Otsego and Plainwell in the wake of the tornadoes that touched down in the area. (Photo by Tim Beason)

Response began almost immediately

As the storm moved through just before midnight, emergency crews in both communities were already responding.

"When it hit, around midnight Tuesday night, our fire department started responding to calls for downed wires, and shortly after that came calls for trees blocking the roads, which brought our DPW in," Mitchell said.

The power outages also triggered automatic responses from other city departments.

"When the power went out, it triggered automatic call-ins to our water and wastewater employees," Mitchell said. "They came in around midnight and worked through the entire morning and eventually left in the mid-afternoon of Wednesday. Pretty incredible example of public service."

In Plainwell, Lakamper said crews were out immediately.

"Literally within minutes of the storm passing, both our department of public works and public safety staff were out securing downed powerlines, directing traffic and clearing roads of debris," he said. "Everyone worked through the night into the morning hours to make sure everyone was safe until we could fully assess the damage in daylight."

Power outages, coordination efforts follow

At the height of the storm, more than 12,500 customers in Allegan County were without power.

Consumers Energy deployed crews throughout the area, restoring power to nearly all affected customers by Thursday, April 16.

"Consumers Energy has done a great job of restoring power to the community," Lakamper said. "There were snapped power poles and downed lines all over the place, which they were immediately working on repairing."

In Otsego, coordinating with utility crews added another layer to the response.

"Our fire department had to coordinate with Consumers as they were activating powerlines," Mitchell said. "They had to confirm the status of each line at more than 50 locations. Not an easy task in the middle of a tornado cleanup."

The storm also led to school closures for Otsego Public Schools and Plainwell Community Schools on Wednesday, April 15, with Plainwell also closed Thursday.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer later declared a state of emergency for Allegan County to assist with recovery efforts.

Cleanup efforts ongoing

While major roadways have since reopened, cleanup efforts continue, particularly for public works crews handling debris removal.

"The most ongoing work will be the DPW," Mitchell said. "They will be dealing with this storm for weeks."

He said crews are focusing on clearing damaged trees from city-owned properties, including parks and areas near the Kalamazoo River.

"We have directed residents to begin pulling their brush out to the curb, and we will be going around town as soon as we can to start collecting that," Mitchell said.

In Plainwell, early efforts focused on clearing roads before shifting to residential areas.

"Our DPW worked through the night clearing trees from the roads in the city and township," Lakamper said. "Public safety assisted with closing down 131, shutting down streets for utility crews and responding to calls."

Additional debris pickup is expected to continue in the coming days.

Community response stands out

While the damage was significant, both city managers pointed to the response from residents as a bright spot.

"People have been out all day working with each other to pick up," Lakamper said. "It is amazing to see how much work has been accomplished in such a short period of time. There is a real sense of resiliency and desire to build back that which was lost."

Mitchell said the storm has also brought attention to the challenges some residents now face.

"It just breaks my heart knowing how much some of these trees mean to our property owners," he said. "And I understand how much it costs to have a tree cut up and removed. Many did not budget for that."

At the same time, he said many have stepped up to help.

"There have been multiple individuals asking how they can help those who need help," Mitchell said. "We've encouraged people to connect through community pages to coordinate those efforts."

Recovery continues

Local organizations have also stepped in to support recovery efforts, including the Allegan County Community Foundation and Heart of West Michigan United Way, which have launched relief funds for affected residents.

Officials continue to encourage residents to report property damage as recovery efforts move forward.

More than a week after the storm, both communities continue to work through cleanup and recovery efforts—and while the process will take time, the response has already made an impact.

"By the end of Wednesday (April 15), many of the immediate issues had been resolved and plans were in place moving forward," Mitchell said. "It was an incredible example of public service and community working together."

Several homes and businesses in the Otsego/Plainwell area were damaged by falling limbs and downed trees following the storms that torn through the area. (Photo by Tim Beason)

Following tornadoes, Christian Neighbors asks community for help

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

As local recovery efforts continue following last week's tornadoes, Christian Neighbors officials say the need for support is growing — and they are asking the community to step in and help.

"As the number of individuals and families we serve continues to rise and with the recent impact of two tornadoes in our community, the need at Christian Neighbors has never been greater," officials said. "We can't meet this moment without you."

Christian Neighbors, which serves residents in the Plainwell, Otsego and Martin school districts, is encouraging community members to support its efforts in several ways in the coming weeks.

One of the biggest opportunities will be the organization's annual fundraiser.

Officials are inviting the public to attend the 17th annual Reflection of Hope Dinner and Auction, scheduled for May 14. The event will include dinner along with silent and live auctions, with proceeds supporting the organization's programs.

"Enjoy an evening of great food, fun, and both silent and live auctions — this directly supports our mission and programs, supporting our neighbors in need," officials said.

Tickets and table reservations are available online.

Christian Neighbors is also seeking donations for the auction, including gift cards, themed baskets and handmade items.

"We are still in need of unique and meaningful items for the event," officials said. "Gift cards, themed baskets or handmade items are always a hit."

Officials added that donated experiences — such as lessons, services or specialty items — are also welcome. Donations can be dropped off at the organization's location at 282 12th St. in Plainwell or arranged by contacting the office.

In addition, volunteers are needed for the upcoming Stamp Out Hunger food drive, which will take place May 9 in partnership with the U.S. Postal Service.

Volunteers will assist with receiving, unloading and sorting donated food. Shifts are available from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Christian Neighbors officials said community support will be critical in the weeks ahead as the organization works to meet increased demand.

"We are grateful for your support," officials said.

Christian Neighbors offering support for storm-affected residents

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

As recovery efforts continue following last week's severe storms, Christian Neighbors is stepping in to assist residents in the Otsego, Plainwell and Martin areas with a variety of resources.

Organization officials said the recent storms have created a range of challenges for local families, from food loss due to power outages to property damage and lost income.

"We know many in the community were affected by recent storms with damage to their homes and food loss due to power outages," Christian Neighbors officials said.

The organization is reminding residents that food assistance is available, even for those who may not typically qualify.

"We do not have an income threshold for receiving food assistance," officials said. "If you find yourself in a hardship, even temporarily, please visit us for help."

Officials also noted that individuals who have already received food assistance this month are eligible for an additional visit due to storm-related need.

Water, financial assistance also available

For residents still dealing with utility disruptions, Christian Neighbors is also offering access to water.

"There are some folks who still don't have their water back on," officials said. "You are welcome to come in during our pantry hours and fill jugs."

Bottled drinking water is also being distributed during pantry hours for those in need.

In addition, the organization has limited funds available to assist with storm-related expenses, including small home repairs and insurance deductibles.

"Christian Neighbors has access to some limited funds for storm damage repairs," officials said. "We can help with applications for small repairs such as broken windows and insurance deductibles."

Residents seeking assistance can call 269-685-4166, extension 102, or email help@christianneighbors.org.

Emergency financial assistance is also available for those dealing with lost wages or other storm-related hardships, including help with rent or utility payments.

Free tree removal service available

In coordination with county resources, residents may also be eligible for free tree removal services.

According to Allegan County officials, a storm damage self-assessment tool is available online, and residents must register through that system to be considered for assistance.

County officials are encouraging residents to report damage through the assessment link as part of the ongoing recovery process.

Community support encouraged

As the need continues, Christian Neighbors is also asking for help from the community.

"We will need food donations during this time," officials said.

Non-perishable food donations can be placed in the donation box outside the organization's building at any time, while perishable items can be dropped off Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Christian Neighbors officials said the response so far has reflected the community's willingness to support one another, and they expect that to continue as recovery efforts move forward.

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Otsego girls earn top honors at Allegan Invite

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Otsego girls track team made a statement Friday, April 17.

Competing in a deep field at the Allegan Invitational, the Bulldogs turned in a strong all-around performance to claim the team title with 128 points. Middleville Thornapple Kellogg followed with 115, while Wayland was third at 75.5 and Saugatuck fourth with 60.

Plainwell placed fifth (55), Allegan eighth (38) and Fennville 13th (6).

"For us to be able to still focus and perform, I think is a very good sign of what we have in store for the rest of our season," Otsego coach Justin Scott said.

Scott noted the meet came at a telling point in the season—and under less-than-ideal circumstances.

"Since I started coaching here in Otsego, the Allegan Invitational has always been a track meet where you can learn a lot about your team," he said. "It is kind of at the midway point of a season and is the first time we get to see how we stack up in a meet with a lot of high-caliber teams.

"Last week was a rough week for our team and our community. A lot of kids were facing power outages and we weren't able to practice for two days heading into this meet because of the weather."

That didn't slow the Bulldogs.

Freshman Alayna Verhage had a breakout performance, winning both the 1,600 (5:22.43) and 3,200 (11:54.47).

"This was a huge night for her, and really, just an incredible performance in what was the first big meet of her high school career," Scott said. "Whenever you see kids finding success in the distance races, you know that it is the result of an incredible amount of hard work and dedication."

Otsego also got a big night in the throws from junior Madden Fitzpatrick, who won the discus (100-9) and finished second in the shot put.

"She doesn't have tremendous size like a lot of top throwers do, but she is very quick and explosive and works really hard at mastering the specific movements," Scott said.

Olivia Klimp added another first-place finish in the long jump (16-1), while also placing in both hurdle events and anchoring the 4x400 relay.

"Olivia is a fierce competitor and embraces every possible challenge that comes her way," Scott said.

The Bulldogs also got key contributions from Skylar Mejeur, who ran on the winning 4x800 relay, helped power the 4x400, and placed second in the 1,600.

As a team, Otsego also claimed the 4x800 relay (10:07.58) and added points across multiple events to secure the title.

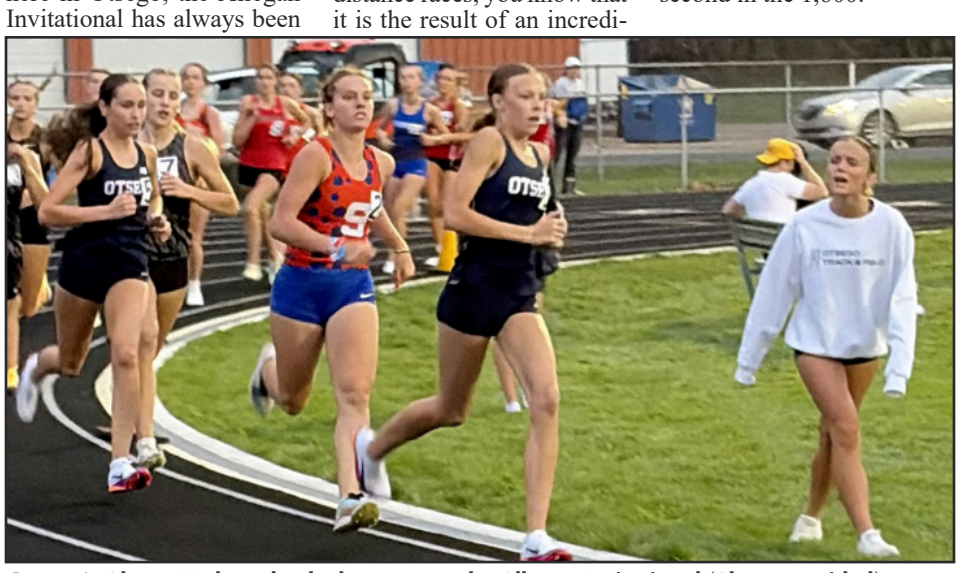
Plainwell turned in a solid showing with a fifth-place finish, highlighted by runner-up efforts from Sawyer Lilly in both the shot put (49-11) and discus (147-2). The Trojans also saw strong sprint performances from Hailey Newcomb and Alayna Ranney, along with a third-place finish in the 4x200 relay.

Saugatuck was led by Alina Martinson, who won the 800 (2:29.61) and ran on the second-place 4x800 relay. Novella DeGraaf added a third-place finish in the 100 hurdles and was third in the pole vault.

Allegan's top highlight came from Jayden VandeNAkker, who won the 100 hurdles (15.35) and added a second-place finish in the 300 hurdles. Bailee Dilley also had a strong day, finishing second in the pole vault.

Fennville's top finish came from Macy Samp, who placed sixth in the 200, while also contributing in multiple sprint events.

Wayland got a win from Evie Mathis in the pole vault (12-0) and strong performances across the sprint relays.



Otsego's Alayna Verhage leads the 3,200 at the Allegan Invitational (Photo provided)

Trojans throw no-hitter against Hopkins

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

PLAINWELL—Luke Filkins and Brady Howard combined for a no-hitter in the second game of Plainwell's non-conference doubleheader with Hopkins on Friday, April 17, leading the Trojans to a 5-2 win over the Vikings.

With the victory, Plainwell salvaged a split after Hopkins took the opener 8-5.

Filkins started the nightcap for Plainwell and worked the first two innings, holding the Vikings scoreless and striking out three. Howard pitched the final three frames, allowing two unearned runs on four walks and two strikeouts.

Filkins also contributed at the plate, collecting a bases-loaded double to drive in three runs.

The Trojans set the tone early, scoring three runs in the first inning and adding to the lead in the second and third to stay in control.

In the opener, Hopkins used a steady offensive attack to secure the win, finishing with eight runs on nine hits.

Kellen Ford led the Vikings at the plate with three hits. Trent Smith added two hits and two runs.

Filkins had three hits for Plainwell, with Alex Yonkers and Ronald Nunez each collecting two hits in the loss.

Hopkins first baseman Blake Schwartz holds on Plainwell runner Ronald Nunez. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Wayland boys track takes first at Allegan Invitational

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

A fast start turned into a fast night for the Wayland boys track team.

The Wildcats put together a strong all-around performance to win the Allegan Invitational on Friday, April 17, finishing with 110 points to outpace a competitive field.

Paw Paw finished second with 94 points, followed by Otsego (85). Among other area teams, Plainwell placed fifth (48), Saugatuck was 10th (28), while Fennville and Allegan tied for 14th (6).

"We were fast," Wayland coach Marty Howard said. "What an exciting night for our boys. It certainly helped to finally have a nice weather night for the meet. Things started off good for us in the preliminary/semi-final events and it rolled right over into the finals."

Wayland's momentum showed early and never really let up.

Henry Maass set the tone by winning the 100 meters in 11.23 seconds, then came back to help the Wildcats to a victory in the 4x200 relay. Jake Reeder added another big performance, winning the 200 meters in 22.21 seconds after hitting a state-qualifying standard earlier in the night.

"To have Henry Maass win the 100 and then follow that right up by winning the 4x200, it gave us momentum going for the rest of the meet," Howard said. "We knew it was a fast track when Jake Reeder qualified for the state meet."

Wayland also claimed wins in both the 4x100 (43.67) and 4x400 (3:31.47) relays, while Alex Hubbard added a victory in the 300 hurdles (41.41).

"We were tenths of seconds from setting school records in both the 4x100 and 4x200," Howard said. "I'm really proud of how all of our kids competed."

For Wayland, the meet served as both a statement and a springboard.

"Things started off good for us … and it rolled right over into the finals," Howard said. "I'm really proud of how all of our kids competed."

And with the way the Wildcats performed on a fast track and a warm night, it may not be the last time they set the pace this season.

While Wayland set the pace, there were plenty of strong performances from across the county.

Otsego's Ethan Simpson turned in one of the top field performances of the day, winning the long jump at 20 feet, 5 inches. Teammate Alex Robbins added a first-place finish in the discus (160-1), while Jack Cook claimed the 400-meter title in 50.67 seconds and added a runner-up finish in the 200 (22.40).

Plainwell's Sawyer Lilly placed second in both the shot put (49-11) and discus (147-2), while Trent Hansen was third in the 400 (52.15) and fourth in the 200 (23.18). Braeden Asbeury added a fourth-place finish in the 400 (52.31) and also contributed in the sprints and relays.

Saugatuck saw strong showings in both sprints and distance events. Gabe Lauer placed third in the 100 (11.44), while the Trailblazers also had multiple solid finishes in the distance races, including Grant Rehkopf (third in the 800, 2:03.32) and Jackson Bowman (seventh in the 3200, 10:16.50).

Wildcats sweep past West Catholic

Wayland senior Mackenzie Kositzky shows off her home run ball. (Photo provided)

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

WAYLAND—The Wayland softball team rode a dominant performance from Madi Ludema in the circle and at the plate to a doubleheader sweep of West Catholic on Monday, April 20.

The Wildcats opened with a 10-0 win before completing the sweep with a 23-4 victory in the nightcap.

In the opener, Wayland took control early, scoring four runs in the first inning and never looking back.

Ludema was in command in the circle, tossing a three-hit shutout over six innings while striking out nine and walking none.

At the plate, Rae Stallard and Ludema each collected two hits, while Stallard drove in three runs to lead the offense. The Wildcats also showed patience at the plate, drawing six walks.

Wayland's offense erupted in game two, piling up 23 runs on 15 hits.

Ludema led the charge with three hits and four RBIs, including a pair of doubles. Mackenzie Kositzky added a big swing with a three-run home run, while Shelby VanHouten and Kaylee Lown each drove in multiple runs.

The Wildcats broke the game open early, scoring seven runs in the first inning, 10 more in the second and six in the third.

VanHouten earned the win in the circle, allowing four runs (two earned) over three innings while striking out three.

Stallard, Clara Dutkiewicz and VanHouten each added multiple hits in the nightcap, as Wayland continued to take advantage of free bases and apply pressure throughout the lineup.

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Luke Filkins
Plainwell
Baseball

Plainwell senior Luke Filkins had quite the day on the diamond on Friday, April 17.

In the second game of a twin bill with Hopkins, Filkins threw the first two innings of a combined no-hitter, striking out three and walking none.

He also had a three-run double in that game to lead the offense.

In game one, he went 3-for-4 at the plate.

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Allegan's catcher holds a pitch for the umpire to see in the first game against South Haven. (Photo by Jason Wesseldyk)

Tigers face tough South Haven squad

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Allegan softball team faced a tough challenge Tuesday, April 14, taking on a traditionally strong South Haven program in a non-conference doubleheader.

The Tigers fell by respective scores of 20-0 and 20-1 in games shortened to three innings due to the mercy rule.

But first-year Allegan coach Danielle Brodhagen saw signs of progress, particularly in the second game.

In the nightcap, Allegan broke through for its lone run while also showing improvement defensively.

Allea Pinnell started things with a single up the middle, then stole second and advanced to third on a passed ball. Izzy McGowen followed by reaching base and driving in the Tigers' run.

In the field, Alaina Termeer made a strong impact early, recording all three outs in the first inning, including a solo double play. McGowen also contributed defensively while playing center field, making a catch, while Alexis McCoy added another defensive highlight.

"We showed improvement in the field," Brodhagen said. "We earned more outs the second game and had a stop at home plate. We kept our heads up and held together as we battled."

Despite the loss, Brodhagen said the team's mindset stood out.

"If we can continue that while we progress and pay attention to details, we will progress through our challenges," she said. "Our story is just starting."

Brodhagen knew the games would be challenging.

"We went up against a well-oiled, classy program," Brodhagen said.

McGowen reached base for Allegan in the first game, while Maia Perez, Annabell Roden and Termeer each made defensive plays that contributed to outs.

Pinnell threw 75 pitches in the game, issuing four walks.

"Our defense struggled with some errors and passed balls," Brodhagen said. "We have work to do but these girls are getting better every day."

Fennville softball falls

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

WATERVLIET—The Fennville softball team dropped a conference doubleheader at Watervliet on Tuesday, April 14.

The Blackhawks fell 14-0 in a four-inning opener and 11-1 in six innings in the nightcap.

Lily Achterhof, Marynn Winne, Hayden Johnson and Mackenzie McIlwain each recorded a hit for Fennville on the day.

Trailblazers upend Allegan, Fennville on track

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Saugatuck opened the SAC portion of the season in strong fashion Wednesday, April 15, sweeping both sides of a league tri-meet hosted by Allegan that also included Fennville.

The Trailblazer boys defeated Fennville 115.5-21.5 and Allegan 111-26, while the girls topped Fennville 111-21 and Allegan 92-43. Fennville's boys earned a split on the day with a 68-52 win over Allegan, while the Allegan girls defeated Fennville 65-30.

Saugatuck's boys showcased depth across the board, highlighted by Gabe Lauer, who won the 100-meter dash (11.48) and 200 (23.59) in his first high school meet. Marcus Silva swept the distance races, winning the 1,600 (4:41.94) and 3,200 (10:59.99), while Ashton Skinner took first in both hurdle events.

Grant Rehkopf added another win in the 400 (55.53) as part of a balanced effort across the track.

The Trailblazers also made their mark in the relays, taking first in the 4x100, 4x200 and 4x800, while adding field event wins from Ian Conklin (shot put), Max Schulz (discus) and Mason Sisson (high jump).

On the girls side, Alina Martinson led the way with wins in the 100 (13.13), 400 (1:06.78) and 1,600 (5:34.38), while Novella DeGraaf added a win in the long jump and strong runner-up finishes in the hurdles and pole vault in her return from injury.

Saugatuck also found success in the relays, taking first in the 4x200, 4x400 and 4x800.

"This was an outstanding way to open the season," Saugatuck coach Angelina Bauer said. "We saw strong performances across the board, great competitiveness, and a lot of potential moving forward."

Fennville's boys picked up a win over Allegan and saw several standout individual performances, led by Gabe Gonzalez, who won the 800 in 2:10.30, and Chris Davie, who took first in the long jump (19-8.5). Macy Samp added a win in the 200 (27.62) for the Blackhawks, while Isabelle Sliter won the 3,200 (12:15.06).

Fennville coach Josh Sliter said his team also saw growth across the board.

"We had 35 personal bests set by the athletes in multiple events over the course of the evening," he said.

Allegan's girls were led by a strong all-around effort from Jayden VandenAkker, who earned multiple first-place finishes in the sprints, hurdles and high jump, while Bailee Dilley added several top finishes, including wins in the pole vault and sprints.

Eliza DeLaet also had a strong showing in the throws, winning the shot put and placing well in discus, while the 400 relay team of DeLaet, VandenAkker, Aylah Copeland and Nevaeh Williams took first.

"It was an outstanding night of competition highlighted by numerous strong performances, new personal bests, and scoring finishes for our Tigers," Allegan coach Mike Chalupa said.

On the boys side, Brody McDade highlighted the Tigers' effort with a win in the 200 and multiple top finishes, while Thomas Sigler and Kellen Chalupa led the distance events and Ezra Smith won the pole vault.

Allegan also saw a number of personal-best performances on the night, with Chalupa noting continued progress early in the season.

Otsego tennis prevails

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Otsego girls tennis team picked up a Wolverine Conference win, sweeping Edwardsburg 8-0 on Monday, April 20.

The Bulldogs were strong across the board in singles play, as No. 1 Hailey Burd (6-3, 6-0), No. 2 Ellie Korringa (6-0, 6-1), No. 3 Lydia Griffith (6-0, 6-0) and No. 4 Alie Bronson (6-1, 6-4) all secured straight-set wins.

Otsego carried that momentum into doubles, where No. 1 Sara McCaw and Stella Houseman picked up a 6-1, 6-4 win at No. 1.

No. 2 Mila Garrett and Hope Stender (6-2, 6-2), No. 3 Laney Sweet and Rachel Breese (7-6(7), 6-4) and No. 4 Emma Gilson and Brooklynn Cockerel (6-1, 6-1) also came out on top.

Saugatuck soccer drops pair

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Saugatuck girls soccer team welcomed South Haven to town on Monday, April 20, and the teams engaged in a defensive battle.

Unfortunately for the Trailblazers, South Haven collected the game's only goal to claim the 1-0 win.

The decisive score came on a long chip from about 30 yards out, but Saugatuck had its chances throughout.

"The rest of the game was a series of close calls as we continued to challenge their keeper, but couldn't quite find a way to put one in," Saugatuck coach Neal Phillips said.

Saugatuck carried that same fight into its Friday, April 17 matchup against NorthPointe Christian.

Despite being shorthanded, the Trailblazers matched the Mustangs early, battling to a scoreless draw through the first half.

"We held NorthPointe Christian to a 0-0 at half, but we had a few girls missing and just didn't have the depth that day," Phillips said.

NorthPointe Christian eventually pulled away in the second half, handing Saugatuck an 8-0 setback as the numbers began to take their toll.

Saugatuck will look to bounce back Thursday, April 23, when it travels to Coloma.

Soccer results:

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

Fennville 6, Bloomingdale 1

Fennville picked up its first win of the season on Monday, April 20.

The Blackhawks bested host Bloomingdale 6-1, led by a big game from Candela Ruiz Martinez.

Ruiz Martinez finished with three goals and two assists, while Kimberly Mendoza-Huynh added two goals and an assist. Andy Balke also scored and finished with two assists.

Leslie Hernandez earned the win in goal.

Hamilton 5, Zeeland West 0

Hamilton put together a strong all-around performance in a 5-0 win over Zeeland West on Monday, April 20.

Ella Achterhof led the way with three goals, while Ellery Ritema and Emma Klingenberg each added a goal.

Achterhof, Ritema, Joselyn Paskvan, Presley Hippey each recorded an assist.

Plainwell 8, Three Rivers 0

Plainwell turned in a dominant effort in its Wolverine Conference matchup with Three Rivers on Monday, April 20.

The Trojans rolled to an 8-0 win, ending the match early via the mercy rule.

Alayna Eldred and Aubrey Witt each scored two goals to lead the way, while Anna Eldred, Caitlyn Ridgeway, Teighlor Nooney and Leigha Weldon also found the back of the net.

Leigha Weldon added an assist, while Ella Pettik, Alyanna Eldred and Ryagan Truit also recorded assists.

Olivia Ranger earned the shutout in goal.

Plainwell 6, Marshall 2

A pair of Plainwell players scored multiple goals to lead the Trojans to the 6-2 win over Marshall on Saturday, April 18.

Alayna Eldred and Anna Eldred each scored two goals, while Shea Hodapp and Ella Bridges also found the back of the net.

Eldred added an assist, with Raygan Truit and Lily Hendershott also recording assists.

Hamilton 5, Holland 1

Joselyn Paskvan and Ella Achterhof formed quite the one-two punch for Hamilton in a 5-1 win over Holland on Friday, April 17.

Paskvan led the way with three goals, while Achterhof added two more.

Emma Slotman recorded two assists, with Paskvan and Carsyn Lubbers each adding one.

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Allegan tennis places second in Tiger Invitational

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Allegan girls tennis team hosted the Tiger Invitational on Saturday, April 18. And it was a who's who of Division 4 teams, as it featured three ranked squads, including top-ranked Ann Arbor Greenhills.

The Tigers are fourth Allegan and Lansing Catholic in No. 10.

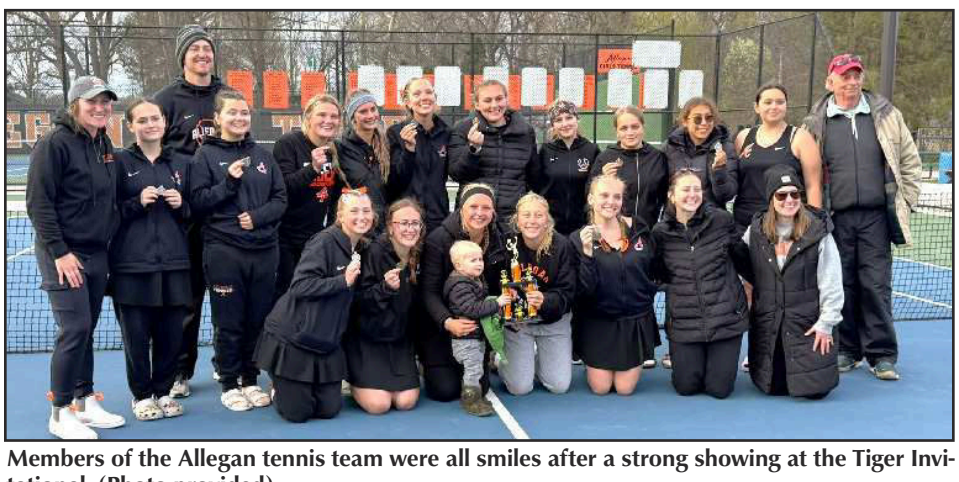
In the end, Greenhills took the team title with 21 points, followed by Allegan with 17 and Lansing Catholic with 15. North Muskegon (11), Armada (5) and Comstock Park (3) rounded out the standings.

Leading the way for Allegan were No. 2 and No. 3 doubles.

The No. 2 team of Taylor Fuller and Hanna Kievit captured the flight title, while the No. 3 duo of Sophia Augustine and Emma Scheffler also finished first.

"I have to give a shout-out to our 2D and 3D teams," Allegan coach Damien Arthur said. "Taylor, Hanna, Emma and Sophia really played some of the best tennis of their careers against Greenhills in the championship matches.

"Their energy, teamwork, and coachability rose their excellent play another level."



Members of the Allegan tennis team were all smiles after a strong showing at the Tiger Invitational. (Photo provided)

Allegan also had a number of strong finishes throughout the lineup.

Addy Fales placed runner-up at No. 1 singles, while Ava Thompson was runner-up at No. 4 singles. The No. 1 doubles team of Madison Cook and Ireland Dewey also finished second.

No. 2 singles Camdyn Drozd and the No. 4 doubles team of Kaylee Haas and Hailey Gauthier both placed third. Kendall Halstead was fifth at No. 3 singles.

Poor weather conditions caused a delay at the start of the event, as only the four indoor courts could be used.

"The ladies did not let the slow start affect their level of play," Arthur said. "We played some high level tennis against some high level opponents.

"I'm super proud of the way we played against Ann Arbor Greenhills across the board. We didn't enter those matches scared. We stuck to our goal: to compete and make them earn it."

Arthur said the performance was something to build on moving forward.

"Their energy, teamwork and coachability rose their excellent play another level," he said. "I'm just super proud of what they achieved."

A day earlier, the Tigers traveled to Western Michigan University and came away with a pair of wins over SAC/Lakeland Conference foe Hackett and state qualifier Lumen Christi.

Allegan defeated Hackett 8-0 and followed with another 8-0 win over Lumen Christi.

"We made a strong statement tonight in our conference with a strong performance versus Hackett," Allegan coach Damien Arthur said.

Allegan's depth, particularly in doubles, proved to be a key factor throughout the day, while a pair of comeback efforts at singles highlighted the win over Lumen Christi.

"The matches of the day go to our three and four singles," Arthur said. "Both of which lost tough first-set tiebreakers against Lumen Christi, but rallied behind Coach Liv to secure two wins in match tiebreakers."

Halstead played No. 3 singles, with Ava Thompson at No. 4.

With the victories, the Tigers improved to 8-0 overall and 3-0 in conference play heading into the Tiger Invitational.

Saugatuck boys dominate, girls edged late in tri-meet

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

GOBLES—The Saugatuck boys track and field team turned in a dominant performance Monday, while the girls squad came up just short in a tightly contested tri-meet at Gobles.

The Trailblazer boys earned a pair of decisive wins, defeating Gobles 88-48 and Black River 103-24. Gobles defeated Black River 102-30 in the third matchup.

Saugatuck was powered by a number of standout individual and relay performances.

Charlie Robison won the 100-meter dash in 11.52, while Gabe Lauer took first in the 200-meter dash in 23.33. Ashton Skinner swept the hurdles events, winning the 110-meter hurdles in 17.37 and the 300-meter hurdles in 46.27.

Saugatuck also found success in the relays, taking first in three events. The 4x100 team of Grady Palmer, Robison, Brennan Nor and Lauer finished in 45.46, while the 4x200 team of Henry Gannon, Pete Mitchell, Palmer and Skinner posted a time of 1:40.94. The 4x800 relay team of Sawyer Monroe, Jackson Bowman, Ira Brown and Tommy Bullinger added another win in 8:52.18.

In the field events, Lincoln Church won both the shot put (36-2) and discus (117-0), while Lincoln Leathers cleared 11-0 to take first in the pole vault.

"We were powered by a number of standout individual and relay performances," Saugatuck boys coach Rick Bauer said.

On the girls side, Saugatuck earned a 96-28 win over Black River but fell just short against Gobles, 72-64, in a meet that came down to the final event.

"It was a tightly contested meet that came down to the final event," Bauer said.

Despite the narrow loss, Saugatuck had several standout individual performances.

Alina Martinson won three events, taking first in the 100-meter dash (13.67), 400-meter dash (1:02.00) and 800-meter run (2:29.80).

Novella DeGraaf had a standout all-around performance, winning four events: the 200-meter dash (27.75), 100-meter hurdles (18.67), pole vault (9-6) and long jump (15-5).

Members of the Saugatuck boys distance crew compete at the tri-meet in Gobles. (Photo by Vince Heyser)

Bella Ketterer added a first-place finish in the 300-meter hurdles (57.44).

Overall, Bauer said the meet showcased the team's depth and competitiveness.

"This meet showcased our depth and competitiveness, particularly in the boys' dominant showing and the girls' close battle with Gobles," Bauer said. "We'll look to build on these performances as the season progresses."

Blackhawks earn wins over K-Christian, Holland Christian

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

FENNVILLE—In its first season as an MHSAA-sanctioned sport, the Fennville boys volleyball team is already making noise.

The Blackhawks picked up a pair of wins on Thursday, April 16, defeating Kalamazoo Christian 2-0 (25-22, 25-16) before knocking off No. 4-ranked Holland Christian 2-1 (20-25, 25-21, 25-18).

Fennville improved to 10-4 overall with the sweep.

Against Kalamazoo Christian, Noah Sauceda led the way with 15 kills and three digs, while Ja'Hari Grant added nine kills and four digs. Jesus Salinas dished out 21 assists, Jose Salinas recorded nine digs and Gio Herrera added a pair of aces.

The Blackhawks followed that up with an impressive comeback win over Holland Christian after dropping the opening set.

Grant powered the offense with 20 kills, while Sauceda added 14 kills, a block and eight digs. Jesus Salinas continued to direct the attack with 33 assists, Jose Salinas anchored the defense with 11 digs and Herrera chipped in two kills.

Jesus Salinas sets the ball for Fennville in a recent match. (Photo provided)

Saugatuck baseball dominates Gobles

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

SAUGATUCK — A no-hitter from Holden Burd set the tone for a big night for Saugatuck.

Burd tossed four no-hit innings in the opener, striking out nine of the 12 batters he faced, as the Trailblazers rolled to a 15-0 win over Gobles in SAC action on Monday, April 13.

Saugatuck completed the sweep with a 19-4 win in the nightcap.

In the opener, the Trailblazers wasted little time taking control, erupting for 10 runs in the first inning.

"Offensively, we started off with a 10-spot in the first inning," Saugatuck coach Jaden Grigg said. "We took advantage of free bases, but we also did a good job of scoring runners in scoring position with our bats."

Nolan LaLonde led the offense with three hits and four runs scored, while Soren Peterson added a pair of hits. Evan Kothman and Morgan Davis each drove in runs as part of a 12-hit effort.

While the offense cooled after the opening frame, Burd made sure it didn't matter.

"He pitched a tremendous game on the mound," Grigg said. "He pitched four no-hit innings in our shortened game, with nine of the 12 outs being via the strikeout, essentially giving the defense a game off."

Saugatuck carried that offensive momentum into game two, again capitalizing on opportunities at the plate.

The Trailblazers finished with 19 runs, fueled by three big innings, including a grand slam from Braison Jones in the third inning that helped break the game open. Jones finished with five RBIs, while Jack Drummond drove in three runs and scored three times.

"We took advantage of free bases in game two," Grigg said. "We had three big innings and 19 total runs."

Gobles briefly made things interesting, scoring four runs in the second inning to cut the deficit to 5-4, but Saugatuck responded in a big way.

"After Gobles scored four in the second to trim the lead, we did a good job of responding by outscoring them 14-0 the rest of the game," Grigg said.

Jones earned the win on the mound in game two, striking out eight over four innings while allowing just two hits.

Grigg noted there are still areas to clean up defensively, but was pleased with the overall effort in the sweep.

Wayland golf opens league play

By Jason Wesseldyk
Sports Editor

The Wayland boys golf team turned in a fourth-place finish at the OK Gold Conference's first jamboree of the season on Tuesday, April 14, at The Mines Golf Course.

The Wildcats posted a team score of 327 in the seven-team field, led by Jaden Osterhout's 77.

Hustler Sok added an 82, while Shane Koon and Nick Winchel each shot 84. Carson Sipkema carded an 85, and Braden Calkins finished with a 92.

Wayland opened the season the previous day at the Forest Hills Northern Invitational at Egypt Valley.

The Wildcats shot a 352 as a team, with Calkins leading the way with an 84.

Osterhout followed with an 87, while Sok shot 89. Sipkema added a 92, and Koon finished with a 93.

Public Notices

Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 7, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information:

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): John T. Perry, a single man who acquired title as a married man

Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as mortgagee, as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns

Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Freedom Mortgage Corporation

Date of Mortgage: September 25, 2017

Date of Mortgage Recording: October 3, 2017

Amount claimed due on date of notice: $54,602.84

Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in City of Otsego, Allegan County, Michigan, and described as: Lot Number 20 and the East 1/2 of Lot Number 19 except Four Rods off the North end of Block 3 of the Original Plat of the Village, now City of Otsego, Michigan.

Common street address (if any): 351 E Allegan St, Otsego, MI 49078-1105

The redemption period shall be 1 year from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: March 26, 2026

Trott Law, P.C.
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Suite 145
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
(248) 642-2515
1588455
(03-26)(04-23)

FORECLOSURE NOTICE Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 09:00 AM, May 7, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Mike Owen and Jessica Owen, Husband and Wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as Mortgagee, as Nominee for America`s Wholesale Lender, its successors, and assigns, Mortgagee, dated April 1, 2005, and recorded on April 8, 2005, in Liber 2818, Page 975, Allegan County Records, said mortgage was assigned to New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-RPL3 by an Assignment of Mortgage dated February 09, 2026 and recorded March 04, 2026 in Liber 5115, Page 409, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Eighty-Two and 79/100 ($67,082.79) including interest at the rate of 4.50000% per annum. Said premises are situated in the City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, and are described as: The South 66 feet of Lot 17 of Lowe`s 2nd Divisional Map according to the recorded Plat thereof. Commonly known as: 124 S EASTERN AVE, ALLEGAN, MI 49010 If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be 6.00 months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is 1 year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: March 26, 2026 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for New Residential Mortgage Loan Trust 2019-RPL3 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, (248) 335-9200 Hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Case No. 25MI00845-1

(03-26)(04-23)

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE NOTICE Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Notice is given under Section 3212 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place

Notice
of Public Hearing
Monterey Township
Planning Commission Meeting

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, as amended, (the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act) the Planning Commission of Monterey Township will hold Public Hearing(s) to deliberate the following topics on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 7:00 p.m., at the Monterey Center United Methodist Church located at 3022 130th Ave, Allegan, Michigan:

1. An application for special use from Jack Dendel, owner of the property addressed 2750 28th St, also known as Permanent Parcel 03-16-027-021-01, to create 3 new parcels over 2 acres in the A-1 Agriculture zoning district per section 5.05.D.1. of the Monterey Township Zoning Ordinance.
2. Any other business that comes properly before the Planning Commission.

Copies are available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours and on the Monterey Township Website at www.monterey-township.org.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the requests. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission Secretary at Monterey Township Hall, 2999 30th Street, Allegan, Michigan, 49010 or by calling 616-877-2000. All written comments must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

SCOTT BOEVE, CHAIR
MONTEREY TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
616-877-2000

NOTICE
OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION
TOWNSHIP OF HOPKINS
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HOPKINS, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following Ordinance was adopted by the Hopkins Township Board at a regular meeting held April 13, 2026 as summarized below:

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-15: An amendment to the Hopkins Township Zoning Map

SECTION I. PROPERTY CONDITIONALLY REZONED.
AN AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING MAP TO CONDITIONALLY REZONE THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY From C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL to C-2 GENERAL COMMERCIAL:
Approximately 9 acres of the unaddressed property situated on the southwest corner of 135th Avenue and 12th Street, also known as permanent parcel number 03-10-001-018-00. The area of the parcel to be rezoned is legally described as That part of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 3 North, Range 12 West, and that part of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 6, Town 3 North, Range 11 West, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 corner of said Section 1 of Hopkins Township; thence N88°23'09"W 1093.00 feet along the North line of said Southeast 1/4; thence S01°36'51"W 264.00 feet; thence S88°23'09"E 931.57 feet parallel with said North line to the Westerly right-of-way line of 12th Street and US-131 Highway; thence S24°11'09"E 367.14 feet along said right-of-way line to the Place of Beginning of this description; thence S24°11'09"E 133.26 feet along said right-of-way line; thence S08°56'46"E 268.44 feet along said right-of-way line to the centerline of a County Drain; thence N87°06'20"W 93.93 feet along said drain centerline to the East line of said Southeast 1/4 of Section 1; thence S89°27'55 'W 705.30 feet along said drain centerline; thence S62°43'10"W 272.37 feet along said drain centerline; thence N03°02'45"E 505.56 feet; thence N89°27'55"E 918.00 feet to the Place of Beginning.

ALSO SUBJECT TO AND TOGETHER WITH a proposed easement for septic areas, well area, and service lines described as: That part of the SE 1/4 of Section 1, Town 3 North, Range 12 West, Hopkins Township, Allegan County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the East 1/4 Corner of said Section 1 of Hopkins Township; thence N88°23'09"W 1093.00 feet along the North line of said SE 1/4; thence S01°36'51"W 264.00 feet; thence S88°23'09"E 183.13 feet parallel with said North line to the Place of Beginning of this description; thence S88°23'09"E 85.00 feet; thence S03°02'45"W 118.00 feet; thence N88°23'09"W 64.98 feet; thence S03°02'45"W 246.32 feet to the North line of the above described Parcel B; thence S89°27'55"W 20.05 feet along the North line of the above described Parcel B to the Northwest corner of the above described Parcel B; thence N03°02'45"E 365.07 feet to the Place of Beginning.

SECTION II. CONDITIONS. The condition for rezoning, as offered by the applicant, is that the property shall only be used as an automotive sales dealership and that it may not be developed as such prior to site plan review and approval and compliance with all other required permits and processes.

SECTION III. REVERSION TO PRIOR ZONE. If subject property fails to be developed within 2 years, property shall automatically revert to C-1 zoning district unless extended by Township Board.

SECTON IV. RECORDABLE AGREEMENT. Applicant shall record copy of the agreement containing the conditions subject to Township Board approval and provide a recorded copy to Township.

SECTION V. BINDING CONDITIONS. The conditions shall run with the land.

SECTION VI. VIOLATIONS. Violation of the conditions shall constitute a violation of the Hopkins Township Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION VII. EFFECTIVE DATE
This Ordinance shall take effect eight days following publication after adoption. This section provides for the repeal of any conflicting Ordinances.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a true copy of this Ordinance is on file in the Office of the Clerk of the Township of Hopkins at Hopkins Township Office and that a copy of this Ordinance may be inspected, reviewed or purchased by contacting the undersigned during regular business hours on regular working days. A copy of this Ordinance may also be viewed on the Township website at www.hopkinstownship.org.

STACEY TIMMER, CLERK
HOPKINS TOWNSHIP
PO BOX 217
HOPKINS, MI 49328
269-793-3188

LEIGHTON TOWNSHIP
ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that on April 16, 2026, the Township Board for Leighton Township adopted new Ordinance No. 2025-12-11 entitled "An Ordinance to Regulate Camping Trailers and Similar Items and to Provide Penalties for the Violation of Such Regulations," which will apply throughout Leighton Township. A summary of new Ordinance No. 2025-12-11 (also referenced as "Ordinance" herein) is as follows:

Section 1. Short Title.
This Section provides that the Ordinance shall be known and may be cited and referred to as the "Leighton Township Camping Trailor Ordinance."

Section 2. Purpose and Intent.
This Section summarizes the purposes, intent and findings supporting and behind the Ordinance.

Section 3. Definitions.
This Section defines the terms "Camper" for purposes of the Ordinance.

Section 4. Regulations for campers.
This Section provides certain provisions regulating campers. Specifically, it provides how many campers are permitted on a lot or parcel during a time period, the length of time that camping on a particular lot or parcel is permitted, and other provisions related to the use of a camper for camping on a lot or parcel.

Section 5. Camper Permits.
This Section provides certain provisions related to camping permits, including factors that the Zoning Administrator shall consider when determining whether to issue a camping permit.

Section 6. Nuisances.
This Section specifies what constitutes a nuisance for purposes of the Ordinance.

Section 7. Storage.
This Section specifies when campers may be parked or stored outdoors on a lot or parcel.

Section 8. Nuisance.
This Section provides that the use and presence of a camping trailer in violation of the Ordinance is public nuisance per se.

Section 9. Prima Facie Evidence.
This Section provides that ownership, lease, occupation, or use of land by any person, entity, firm, or corporation upon which a camping trailer is used, stored, or placed shall be prima facie evidence that such person, firm, entity, or corporation stored or placed the camping trailer upon such land, or permitted such camping trailer to be stored, or placed upon such land.

Section 10. Violations: Penalty, Remedies and Enforcement.
This Section specifies that a violation of the Ordinance is a nuisance per se and a municipal civil infraction subject to specified fines. This Section also provides which Township officials are authorized to enforce the Ordinance and specifies their authority. Finally, this Section also discusses subsequent offenses, cumulative effects of the remedies, fines, attorney fees, court costs, separate lawsuits, and other matters relating to penalties and remedies.

Section 11. Severability.
This Section provides that if any sections, provisions, phrases, or words of the Ordinance is invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, provisions, phrases or words of the Ordinance.

Section 12. Lawful Campgrounds.
This Section provides that the Ordinance shall not apply to lawful campgrounds that fully comply with the Township Zoning Ordinance.

Section 13. Effective Date.
This Section states that the Ordinance shall take effect upon the expiration of thirty (30) days after the date of publication of the ordinance or a summary of its provisions in accordance with law.
* * *
A full copy of the new Ordinance may be inspected, obtained, reviewed and/or purchased at the Leighton Township offices at 4451 12th Street, Suite A, Wayland, Michigan 49348 during normal business hours (between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday; the office is closed on Mondays and Fridays) or by contacting the Leighton Township Clerk at (616) 891-8238. The new Ordinance will become effective upon the expiration of 30 days after this notice appears in the newspaper as provided by law.

Respectively submitted by,
Rachel Fennema
Leighton Township Clerk
(616) 891-8238

Public Notices

of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 A.M., on May 7, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Elyse Suzanne Turley and Ronald Masters, wife and husband, ("Mortgagors"), gave a mortgage to Advia Credit Union, ("Mortgagee"), dated January 28, 2022, and recorded on February 2, 2022, in Liber 4726, on Page 322, Allegan County Records, Michigan. On the date of this notice, there is claimed to be due the principal of Thirty-Seven Thousand One Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and 01/100 Dollars ($37,132.01) plus accrued interest at 9.250% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the place of holding in the circuit court within Allegan County, Michigan @ 9:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 7, 2026. Said premises are situated in the City of Otsego, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: Lots 8 and 9, Block D, HOMESTEAD ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF OTSEGO, as recorded in Liber 2, Page 22 of Plats, Allegan County Records. Commonly: 532 E Morell St., Otsego, MI 49078—Tax Id #54-454-009-00 The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under Section 600.3278 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, the Mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: April 2, 2026 Advia Credit Union, Mortgagee Holzman Law, PLLC By: Charles J. Holzman Attorney for Mortgagee 28366 Franklin Road Southfield, Michigan 48034 (248)352-4340
(04-02)(04-30)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE BY ADVERTISEMENT. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 7, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE INFORMATION: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Peter J. Gavrun, surviving tenant, unmarried, whose address is 1091 Bridge Road, Allegan, Michigan 49010, as original Mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Mr. Cooper, being a mortgage dated March 11, 2018, and recorded on April 6, 2018 in Liber 4234 Page 930, Allegan County Records, State of Michigan and then assigned to NewRez LLC d/b/a Shellpoint Mortgage Servicing, as assignee as documented by an assignment dated November 2, 2023 and recorded on November 2, 2023 in Liber 4899 Page 323, Allegan County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of EIGHTY-TWO THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY AND 58/100 DOLLARS ($82,270.58). Said premises are situated in the Township of Trowbridge, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, and are described as: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTH 1/8 POST OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWN 1 NORTH, RANGE 13 WEST, THENCE NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ON THE NORTH AND SOUTH 1/8 LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 1710.00 FEET TO THE TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THIS DESCRIPTION, THENCE CONTINUING NORTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST ON SAID 1/8 LINE 307.79 FEET, THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 43 MINUTES 00 SECONDS EAST 240.05 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 313.17 FEET, THENCE SOUTH 90 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 00 SECONDS WEST 240.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. Street Address: 1091 Bridge Road, Allegan, Michigan 49010 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA § 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCLA § 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT AND ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: IF YOU ARE A MILITARY SERVICE MEMBER ON ACTIVE DUTY, IF YOUR PERIOD OF ACTIVE DUTY HAS CONCLUDED LESS THAN 90 DAYS AGO, OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN ORDERED TO ACTIVE DUTY, PLEASE CONTACT THE ATTORNEY FOR THE PARTY FORECLOSING THE MORTGAGE AT THE TELEPHONE NUMBER STATED IN THIS NOTICE. Dated: April 2, 2026 For more information, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing: Robert A. Blumberg (P87490) Johnson, Blumberg & Associates LLC 30 North LaSalle St., Suite 3650 Chicago, Illinois, 60602 312.541.9710 - Phone 312.541.9711 - Fax File No.: MI 26 7088
(04-02)(04-23)

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 07, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Timothy A. Stevens and Tari Stevens, husband and wife Original Mortgagee: Household Finance Corporation III Date of mortgage: November 26, 2002 Recorded on January 3, 2003, Liber 2366, on Page 209, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on July 6, 2011, Liber 3528, on Page 660, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust IX-A Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred One Thousand Six Hundred Fifty and 37/100 Dollars ($201,650.37) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: THE NORTH 124.84 FEET OF THE

NOTICE
OF PROPOSED COMMUNICATIONS TOWER CONSTRUCTION

Horvath Towers VI is planning to construct a communications tower in Wayland, Michigan. Horvath Towers VI has petitioned the Federal Communications Commission for an Antenna Structure Registration utilizing Form 854 with a filing number of A1382587. The tower is located with an approximate address of +/- 1148 138th Avenue, Wayland, MI 49348. Coordinates of the location are 42° 41' 42.6" N, -85° 39' 32.02. The project consists of the construction of a 140' tall self-support tower plus appurtenances for an overall height of 142'. The ground space will be developed with a fenced in compound measuring approximately 100' x 100'. The tower will not be lit. Interested persons can review this application by going to: www.fcc.gov/asr/applications and entering the Form 854 file number of A1382587. Persons who may have environmental concerns about this structure are able to raise such concerns by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the Federal Communications Commission. The Federal Communications Commission strongly encourages interested parties to file a Request for Environmental Review. Interested persons can file a Request for Environmental Review at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. If you would rather mail in a paper copy you can do so to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, D.C. 20554.

NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
City of Allegan Property Sale

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the City Council of the City of Allegan, Michigan, shall on May 11, 2026, at 6:00 PM, at the City Council Chambers, Allegan City Hall 231 Trowbridge Street, Allegan, Michigan, hold a public hearing for the purpose of considering the sale of real property as follows:

Sale of the following property on Weeks Street with a parcel number 51-290-003-00 to Brandon and Melissa Genzink:

Legal Description – LOT 7 EXC N 15' THEREOF WEEKS ADDITION SEC 28. (13T).

At that time and place, the City Council shall hear and consider comments, concerns, statements, information, or other communications concerning the proposed property sale. Please send all written comments to the address listed below.

Carol Canales, Deputy Clerk
City of Allegan
231 Trowbridge Street
Allegan MI 49010
(269) 673-5511

NOTICE
OF PUBLIC HEARING
WAYLAND TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
1060 129th Avenue
Bradley, MI 49311
269-792-6394

NOTE: The location of this meeting has been changed from the normal meeting location of the Wayland Township Hall to Ss. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Planning Commission of Wayland Township will hold a Public Hearing to deliberate the following topics on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:30 p.m., at the Ss. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church located at 159 131st Avenue, Wayland, MI 49348.

1. An application from Blazing Star Solar, LLC, interested party, for special use permit and related site plan review to establish a 125-megawatt nameplate capacity solar energy collection facility, otherwise known as a "Solar Farm", and related substation and generation interconnect line within the "A" Agricultural District, in accordance with the requirements of Section 3.49 Solar Energy Systems (SES) of the Wayland Township Zoning Ordinance. All properties involved in the above request are as follows:
   a. PPN 03-24-013-005-00, 131st Avenue (unaddressed)
   b. PPN 03-24-014-017-00, 2nd Street (unaddressed)
   c. PPN 03-24-023-001-00, 2nd Street (unaddressed)
   d. PPN 03-24-013-011-00, Patterson Rd (unaddressed)
   e. PPN 03-24-012-004-20, 2939 2nd Street
   f. PPN 03-24-012-002-00, 133rd Avenue (unaddressed)
   g. PPN 03-24-012-003-10, 80 133rd Avenue
   h. PPN 03-24-013-004-00, 131st Avenue (unaddressed)
   i. PPN 03-24-024-001-00, 19 129th Avenue
   j. PPN 03-24-024-003-00, 130th Avenue (unaddressed)
   k.PPN 03-24-013-001-60, 69 Skyview Way
   1. PPN 03-24-013-009-20, 108 131st Avenue
   m. PPN 03-24-013-009-30, 131st Avenue (unaddressed)
2. Any other business that comes properly before the Planning Commission.

Copies of the proposed amendments, application, and materials are available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for Township residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the requests. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the Planning Commission at Wayland Township Hall, P.O. Box 1, Bradley, MI 49311. All written comments must be received by no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 13, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify the Township Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

MATT MINER, SECRETARY
WAYLAND TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
(616) 262-8086

Notice
Trowbridge Township
Allegan, Michigan

Planning Commission public hearing notice regarding special use in Agricultural District Zoning Ordinance:

To: Residence and Property owners of Trowbridge Township, Allegan County, Michigan and other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Trowbridge Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on May 21st, 2026 7:00 p.m. at the Trowbridge Township Hall, 913 S.M-40, within the township to consider the following:

1. Special use request by Harry Rutherford to allow a land split on a parcel less than 10 acres in the AG zoning district, per section 5.03 of the Trowbridge Township Zoning Ordinance. The property is located at 2677 106th Ave. within the Township.
   The tax I.D. number is 21-014-014-00
2. Such other and further business as may properly come before the Planning Commission at said hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that following the public hearing on the proposed special use request, the Planning Commission may approve, approve with conditions or deny the special use request.

PLEASE TAKE FUTHER NOTICE the special use application will be available for inspection at the Township Hall, 913 S. M-40, within the Township with an appointment at any time during regular business hours of regular days and will be available at said hearing for public inspection.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that written comments will be received at the office of the Township Supervisor at any time during regular business hours of regular days and will further be received by the Planning Commission at the time of said hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Trowbridge Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon five (5) days' notice to the Trowbridge Township Supervisor of the need for the same. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Township Supervisor by writing or calling the Supervisor.

All persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place to participate in discussion on the above.

TROWBRIDGE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION
Nick Loll, Chair
Jeff Kaylor, Trowbridge Township Supervisor
913 S. M-40
Allegan, MI 49010
616-218-1898

HEATH TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF HEATH TOWNSHIP, ALLEGAN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

Please take notice that the Heath Township Board of Trustees will hold a regular meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, May 11, 2026 at the Heath Township Hall, 3440 M-40, Hamilton, MI, 49419. Proceedings conducted at this meeting are being conducted pursuant to the Zoning Enabling Act of 2006 (PA 110) as amended and the Open Meetings Act as amended.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the item(s) to be considered include, in brief, the following:

1. A public hearing to consider a request from Chad VanSoelen, interested party, for final review of "Phase III Riverwalk Meadows"- a Planned Unit Development and site condominium residential development comprising 10 units developed to R-1A standards- pursuant to Chapter 20 of the Heath Township Zoning Ordinance. The unaddressed parcel lies along the north side of 134th Avenue also known as parcel number 03-09-005-031-41, approximately 26.61 acres and legally described as COM S 1/4 COR TH N 01DEG 37'19" W 250' TO POB; TH CONT N 01DEG 37'19" W 693.48'; TH N 88DEG 22'41" E 318.95'; TH N 75DEG 20'47" E 760.53'; TH N 37DEG 17'09" W 155.34'; TH NE'LY 66.25' ALONG A 220' RAD CURVE TO LT WITH CHORD BEARING N 52DEG 42'51" E 66'; TH S 37DEG 17'09" E 182.86'; TH N 88DEG 53'00" E 176.96'; TH S 01DEG 07'00" E 1165.82'; TH S 89DEG 58'45" W 250.07'; TH N 00DEG 01'15" W 435.6'; TH S 89DEG 58'45" W 400'; TH S 00DEG 01'15" E 435.6'; TH S 89DEG 58'45" W 496.67'; TH N 01DEG 37'19" W 250'; TH S 89DEG 58'45" W 150' TO POB SEC 5 T3N R14W.

Written comments will be received from any interested persons concerning the foregoing application(s) by the Heath Township Clerk at the Township Hall at any time during regular business hours up to the date of the hearing and may be further received by the Planning Commission at the hearing.

Heath Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as interpreters for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Heath Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Heath Township Clerk at the address or telephone number listed below.

HEATH TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION
Missy Harvey, Clerk
3440 M-40, P.O. Box 241
Hamilton, Michigan 49419
(269) 751-2403

Public Notices

WEST 1/2 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 SECTION 17, TOWN 4 NORTH RANGE 12 WEST. Commonly known as 4245 21st St, Dorr, MI 49323 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Owner Trustee of the Residential Credit Opportunities Trust IX-A Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400

1590154

(04-09)(04-30)

Allegan County Circuit Court Case No. 25-70574-CH NOTICE OF JUDICIAL SALE The property described below shall be sold at public auction, by an authorized sheriff/deputy sheriff or county clerk/deputy county clerk, to the highest bidder, at the Circuit Court for the County of Allegan on the 4th of June, 2026 at 9:00 am, local time. On said day at said time, the following described property shall be sold: property located in the City of Fennville, County of Allegan, State of Michigan, particularly described as Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 5, Town 2 North, Range 15 West, City of Fennville, Allegan County, Michigan, being described as: Commencing at the Southeast corner of Lot 18, Capen's Addition; thence South 298.00 feet to the point of beginning of the parcel of land herein described; thence East 198.00 feet; thence South 100.00 feet; thence West 198.00 feet; thence North 100.00 feet to the point of beginning, Allegan County Records. More commonly known as: 320 S Maple St, Fennville, MI 49408 This notice is from a debt collector. Date of Notice: 4/16/2026 Trott Law, P.C.

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(04-16)(05-21)

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
PUBLICATION OF
NOTICE OF TRUST PROCEEDING
FILE NO. 2026-26066005-TV

In the matter of James C. Grant Trust

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:* William Kevin Grant

whose address(es) are unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE:

1. On May 18, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., the Allegan County Probate Court located at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, Michigan 49010, will be hearing the Petition for Approval of Accounts and Succession of Trustee.

2. David W. Kuitert, of 110 S. Sunset Street, Plainwell, MI 49080, is the current acting Trustee of the James C. Grant Trust.

3. Trustee is seeking approval of the Account of Fiduciary 2023, 1st; Account of Fiduciary 2024, 2nd; Account of Fiduciary 2025, 3rd as well as his resignation and appointment of successor trustee by the Allegan County Probate Court.

4. The documents related to the trust are on file with the Allegan County Probate Court located at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, Michigan 49010. This is not a supervised administration.

5. A copy of the Petition for Approval of Accounts and Succession of Trustee; Inventory, Account of Fiduciary 2023, 1st; Account of Fiduciary 2024, 2nd; and Account of Fiduciary 2025, 3rd; have been filed with the Allegan County Probate Court.

6. You or another interested person may petition for a hearing by the court on any matter at any time during the administration of the trust, including for distribution of assets and allowance of expenses of administration. The petition must be filed with the probate court along with the applicable fee.

7. The result of this hearing may affect your interest in the matter.

April 20, 2026
Teresa L. Rajala P83305
100 W. Michigan Ave. #200
Kalamazoo, MI 49007 (269) 226-2950
David W. Kuitert
110 S. Sunset Street
Plainwell, MI 49080 (269) 870-4579

4-23 5-7

STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
ALLEGAN COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the matter of The The Smith Family Revocable Living Trust dated October 7, 2002 Date of birth: June 8, 1936

TO ALL CREDITORS: *

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ronald L. Smith died March 11, 2026

There is no personal representative of the decedent's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the Trust will be forever barred unless presented to Donald J. Smith, Trustee of The Smith Family Revocable Living Trust, under a Trust Agreement Dated October 7, 2002, as amended.

4/13/2026
Mika Meyers
Neil P. Jansen P41922
900 Monroe Ave NW
Grand Rapids, MI 49503 616-632-8000
Donald J. Smith
620 137th Avenue
Wayland, MI 49348
616-889-8131

STATE OF Michigan
48th JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
Juditial District
County Probate
ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION/POSTING AND NOTICE OF ACTION
Case NO. 26-71744-CH

Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).

Brian J. Bender
1085 42nd Street
Allegan, MI 49010
269-286-2681
v

Defendant name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).

Carolyn Dawn Hays, Deceased
TO: Carolyn Dawn Hays and Any heirs and/or creditors.

IT IS ORDERED:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to assign ownership of manufactured home/mobile home. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before Monday, June 1, 2026. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2 A copy gf this order shall be published once each week in the Allegan County News for three consecutive weeks, and proof of publication shall be filed in this court.

4/14/26
Judge Jipp P80899

NOTICE OF HEARING AND MOTION
Case NO. 26-71744-CH
Brian J. Bender
v
Carolyn Dawn Hays, deceased, and any known heirs
Notice of Hearing

1. Motion title: Entry of ownership and for publication

2. Moving party: Brian Bender

3. This matter has been placed on the motion calendar for:
Judge Jipp
Monday 6/1/26 at 1:30pm
Courtroom A

4. If you require accommodations to use the court because of a disability or if you require a foreign language interpreter to help you fully participate in court proceedings, please contact the court immediately to make arrangements.

Motion

Motion for entry of an order declaring ownership of manufactured/mobile home, Motion of Entry of order for publication.

4-16-26
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TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)

whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:

TAKE NOTICE: KYRYN DEE WILLIS has filed a petition for name change.

A name change hearing will be held on TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 AT 10:30 AM

at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: KYRYN DEE WILLIS to KYRYN DEE WEEVER

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

PUBLIC NOTICE
GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

Ordinance No. 194

To: The residents and property owners of the Township of Gun Plain Charter Township, Allegan County, Michigan and any other interested persons.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Gun Plain Charter Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Ordinance No. 194 on Wednesday May 20, 2026 at 6:00pm at their regular Planning Commission meeting located at 381 8th Street Plainwell, MI 49080. Ordinance No. 194 amends the official Gun Plain Charter Township Zoning Map and Ordinance in relation to the below described property.

Amend the Official Zoning Map and rezone the following parcel # 03-08-018-011-20 that is zoned R-2 (Low Density Residential District) to AG (Agricultural District) located at 1138 107th Ave., Otsego, MI 49078.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that written comments will be received from any interested person at the Township Office, 381 8th St., P.O. Box 146, Plainwell, Michigan 49080, up to and including the date of the public hearing and may also be submitted to the Township Planning Commission at the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that Gun Plain Charter Township will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services at the hearing to individuals with disabilities upon seven (7) days written notice to the Township Clerk at 381 8th Street, P.O. Box 146, Plainwell, Michigan 49080 or by Phone 269-685-9471 or Fax 269-685-5169.

GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
381 8th Street, P.O. Box 146
Plainwell, Michigan 49080
Phone 269-685-9471/Fax 269-685-5169

PUBLIC NOTICE
GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

The Gun Plain Charter Township Board adopted Ordinance No. 193 on Friday, April 17, 2026, at 4:30 PM at a special Township Board meeting. The proposed ordinance would adopt a Moratorium on considering applications for data centers.

Ordinance No. 193 Moratorium would put a temporary moratorium in effect until August 31, 2026 or until the effective date of any amended or new Township Ordinance or regulations addressing data centers are effective, whichever date occurs first.

A complete copy of the proposed ordinance is available for review at the Township Hall during regular business hours or online at www.gunplain.org.

Effective date

This ordinance shall become effective eight (8) days after publication after adoption.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that written comments will be received from any interested person at the Township Office, 381 8th St., P.O. Box 146, Plainwell, Michigan 49080, up to and including the date of the public hearing and may also be submitted to the Township Board at the public hearing.

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MICHAEL VANDENBERG, SUPERVISOR
GUN PLAIN CHARTER TOWNSHIP

CITY OF FENNVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to PA 110 of 2006, the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act, the Planning Commission of the City of Fennville shall hold a public hearing for the purpose of deliberating the following items on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at Fennville City Hall, 125 S Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408.

1. Request for special use permit from Phillip Buoscio, owner of 427 E Main Street, also known as Permanent Parcel 03-52-032-059-00, to establish a short-term rental unit within the B-1 Downtown Edge District, per Section 450-804(A)(10) of the City of Fennville Zoning Ordinance.
2. Any other such business as comes legally before the Planning Commission.

A copy of the application and related materials are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours.

This meeting is intended to provide an opportunity for City residents and interested citizens to express their opinions, ask questions, and discuss all aspects of the petition. Those unable to attend the public hearing are invited to submit written comments to the attention of the City Commissioner at Fennville City Hall, 125 S Maple Street, Fennville, MI 49408 or by calling City Hall at (269) 561-8321. All written comments must be received by no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 12, 2026.

If any resident has a physical disability which may limit his/her participation in this hearing, please notify City Hall at least five (5) days prior to the hearing so that reasonable accommodations may be made.

KATIE BEEMER, CITY ADMINISTRATOR
CITY OF FENNVILLE
(269) 561-8321

Trowbridge Township Residence

2026 Spring Clean-up

May 2nd
9:00am to 12:00pm

Location : Township recycle center next to the Township Hall at 913 M-40 south.

Items NOT accepted: Tires, Liquids, Construction materials, Hazardous waste, Yard waste (sticks. branches, leaves etc.).

Rain or Shine, clean it up and bring it in.
Questions: please call Jeff Kaylor 616-218-1898

Help Wanted

Allegan Township is seeking a part-time Administrative Assistant. The position will require office hours of Monday-Thursday, 9am-1pm and four Saturdays during the year. The candidate should be professional in manner that works well with the public and a problem solver with proficiency in communication and computer skills. Basic understanding of clerical procedures such as typing, record keeping and filing are necessary. Interested candidates should possess organizational skills and have attention to detail.

Interested candidates may submit a letter of interest and resume to Supervisor Steve Schulz, Allegan Township, 3037 118th Ave., Allegan, Michigan 49010 or call 269-673-5051 with questions.

CLASSIFIEDS

Auction

April 24th @ 8 AM. 1486 142nd Ave Dorr MI 49323. Ski-Doo Bombardier VIN # 2BPS15720YV000924, Starting Bid $1,000. 2004 Ford F-350 VIN # 1FTSX31P74EC72832, Starting Bid $2,500

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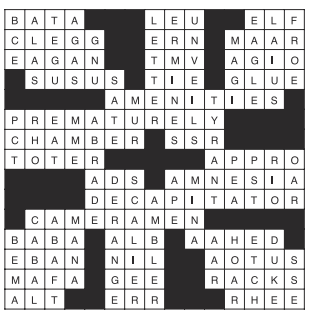

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Public Notices

Decedent's Trust
In the Matter of
THE REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT OF BRUCE D. CULVER DATED AUGUST 20, 1993, AS AMENDED AND RESTATED ON AUGUST 22, 2023
TO ALL CREDITORS:
The Grantor/Decedent, Bruce D. Culver (date of birth: October 20, 1931) died March 9, 2026. There is no personal representative of the Grantor's estate to whom Letters of Authority have been issued.
Creditors of the Grantor/Decedent are notified that all claims against Bruce D. Culver or The Revocable Living Trust Agreement of Bruce D. Culver Dated August 20, 1993, As Amended and Restated on August 22, 2023 will be forever barred unless presented to Charles A. Culver, Trustee, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.
Date: March 26, 2026
Attorney for Trustee:
Brett A. Grossman (P63069)
Kristin C. Duffy (P88003)
Grossman Horne & Cannizzaro, PC
610 N. Spruce Street, PO Box 59
Vicksburg, MI 49097
(269) 649-3000
Trustee:
Charles A. Culver
8105 AB Avenue
Otsego, MI 49072
269-492-2590

STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
COUNTY BUILDING,
ALLEGAN, MICHIGAN 49010
File No.: 26-71681-CH
HON. EMILY W. JIPP
JOSEPH WATSON
Plaintiff
Vs
The ESTATE of RICHARD IRVING HORROCKS; and each of his unknown
Heirs, Devisees and Assigns,
Defendant
Michael J. Becker P81132
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, McKOWN & KIEL, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
314 Trowbridge St., PO Box 239
Allegan, MI 49010
(269) 673-2136
NOTICE OF HEARING
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a hearing on Plaintiff's Motion for Entry of Judgment by Default will be held on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. before the Hon. Emily W. Jipp in the Circuit Courtroom, County Building, Allegan, Michigan.
Dated: April 16, 2026
ORTON, TOOMAN, HALE, MCKOWN & Kiel, PC
Michael J. Becker
Attorney for Plaintiff

TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: AMBER LYNN HAMLETT has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 AT 11:15 AM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: AMBER LYNN HAMLETT to AMBER LYNN BLUE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate
STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF ALLEGAN
FILE NO. 24-65100-DE
Estate of Roger Rininger, deceased
Date of Birth: 05/05/1940
TO ALL CREDITORS:
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Roger J Rininger, died April 30, 2024.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be barred unless presented to Cody A. Milburn, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 113 Chestnut Street, Allegan, MI 49010 and the personal representative, within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
April 23, 2026
Laurie Tange
913 Ely Street
Allegan, MI 49010
269-744-4813

SHORT FORECLOSURE NOTICE - ALLEGAN COUNTY Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement. Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Allegan County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on May 21, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE: Mortgagor(s): Christian Terhorst, a single man, and Michaela Vlietstra, a single woman, as joint tenants with right of survivorship Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc.("MERS"),solely as nominee for lender and lender`s successors and assigns Date of mortgage: July 18, 2025 Recorded on July 22, 2025, Liber 5051, on Page 632, and re-recorded via Affidavit of Correction on April 2, 2026, Liber 5124, on Page 891, Foreclosing Assignee (if any): NewRez LLC Amount claimed to be due at the date hereof: Two Hundred Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Forty and 55/100 Dollars ($218,640.55) Mortgaged premises: Situated in Allegan County, and described as: Lots 7 and 8, Green Meadows Subdivision, being in the Southwest quarter of Section 31, Town 1 North, Range 15 West, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 7, Page 4 of Plats, Allegan County Records. Commonly known as 5975 Baseline Rd, Grand Junction, MI 49056 The redemption period will be 6 month from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later; or unless extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. NewRez LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. 23938 Research Dr, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 248.539.7400
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NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY. ATTN PURCHASERS: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. ATTENTION HOMEOWNER: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice. Notice of foreclosure by advertisement. Under the power of sale contained herein in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or a cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in ALLEGAN County, starting promptly at 9:00 AM, on June 4, 2026. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. MORTGAGE SALE – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Daniel Allen Armentrout and Christine Armentrout, husband and wife, original mortgagors, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., solely as nominee for Mortgage Research Center, LLC dba Veterans United Home Loans, dated October 17, 2023, and recorded October 19, 2023 in Liber 4895 Page 830, in ALLEGAN County records, Michigan, and assigned to Planet Home Lending, LLC by an Assignment of Mortgage recorded on April 03, 2025 in Liber 5022, Page 300,on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand Three-Hundred Seventy-Four and 59/100 dollars ($198,374.59). Said premises are situated in the City of Allegan, County of ALLEGAN, and State of Michigan, and particularly described as: Lots 49 and 50, Davis Addition to the Village, now City of Allegan, Allegan County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on Page 67. Property Address:539 Davis Street Allegan, Michigan 49010 Parcel No.: 03-51-120-044-00 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: April 23, 2026 For more information, please call: (513) 444-4100 Sottile and Barile PLLC Attorneys for Plaintiff 394 Wards Corner Boulevard, Suite 180 Loveland, OH 45140 File MF2603026 - Armentrout, Daniel (VA) - DA
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TO ALL PERSONS, including: (specify non-custodial parent's name here, if applicable)
whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or affected by the following:
TAKE NOTICE: JENNIFER LOVE HAWKINS has filed a petition for name change.
A name change hearing will be held on TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026 AT 11:00 AM at FAMILY COURT COURTROOM before Judge Hon. Jolene Clearwater P74848 , to change the name of: JENNIFER LOVE HAWKINS to JENNIFER LOVE FRIEDRIECHSEN

Peek at the Past

From the pages of The Allegan News and The Allegan County News and Gazette:

April 26, 1951

Land-use maps complete, ready to aid plans: More than half of Allegan County's farm residents do not do more farming than raise a cow, a few chickens or a home garden.

About 11 per cent of the county's 535,680 acres is abandoned, cleared farmland.

These figures and some other interesting information on one of the state's 10 best agricultural counties, have been reported on completion of a land use map prepared by Frank Suggett, extension agent and land use planning specialist in land planning, Michigan State University.

Suggett, who is turning the map over to County Agent A.D. Morley for better planning of extension programs, has computed his findings on a survey that has taken a year to make.

The map shows 59 per cent of the land as best suited for farming, and 21.9 per cent in woodlands. The 11 per cent of abandoned farms does not include fields now within the 30,000-acre state forest. The remaining eight per cent represents cities and villages, marshlands, water, and recreation areas.

April 22, 1976

Blaze burns Game Area: A forest fire that burned over about 110 acres of Allegan State Game Area and last Wednesday did little damage and, in fact, may have aided the growth of some plants and trees in the affected area.

Department of Natural Resources Conservation supervisor Art Sutton said last week fire damage was limited to some young white pines and that larger trees were not killed by the blaze that began early Wednesday morning and was whipped in two directions before being brought under control about 3 p.m.

Sutton said fire allowed plant nutrients to enter the soil immediately and in the Game Area case, will speed the growth of young plants such as aspen.

"The fields involved in the fire will green up much faster than normal," Sutton said.

More than 50 area firemen, from the Dorr and the Allegan Volunteer Fire Department, battled the blaze as it spread from its origin north of Little John Lake both north toward 115th Avenue and south toward 113th Avenue.

Cause of the blaze was not determined, but witnesses told the DNR they saw youngsters leaving the area at the time of the fire. A tent tucked under the arm of one of the youths was reported.

Sutton said others speculated mushroom pickers could accidentally have started the fire as well.

A pilot flying over the Game Area Wednesday morning first spotted the fire and radioed Allegan's Padgham Field. Officials there called the Game Area headquarters on 118th Avenue, and they in turn notified the DNR at Plainwell.

The Game Area fire officer and Sutton serve as fire chiefs for both his office and the Game Area.

Sutton said when he first arrived on the scene the wind was from the northeast and the blaze was moving in a southwesterly direction toward 113th Avenue.

April 26, 2001

Bikes: Every kid oughta have one!: The Allegan Police Department, in conjunction with the Allegan Public Schools, has initiated a new program called "Bikes for Tikes."

Through the efforts of officer Mel Brummel, the program was born out of an article in a magazine. Brummel explained, "I was reading a magazine article about a program in Florida and thought Allegan could use a program like this."

With the help of Peggy Milbocker, wording for a grant was put together and submitted to Lisa Richlich of the Allegan County Community Foundation. The board accepted the proposal for a one-year grant.

Tom Hunter from Western Auto was contacted and worked out a way to price the four bikes, helmets and locks to fit the grant.

The second stage of the program was to identify kids who could benefit from the presentation of a bike by the police. For this, Brummel turned to the schools' teachers and principals, plus DARE director Brian Dietz, to narrow the selection to just four students.

The selection process resulted in a bike being presented to Dawson's Michael Polmateer, North Ward's Jessica Berridge, Pine Trails' John Minear and West Ward's Ryan Gruhn.

Brummel indicated these four students were selected because they represented some of the best potential in each of the schools, and it was hoped the bikes could be used as incentives for them to continue to live up to their potential.

April 29, 2021

Allegan's Regent Theater plans 'gradual reopening': After months of opening the doors of the Regent Theater only on Friday evenings to sell concessions, Parker Johnson, Downtown and Promotions Manager, presented to the Allegan City Council a plan for reopening the Grand Old Lady with *Godzilla vs Kong*.

Beginning Friday, May 7, Concessions to Go will continue, while on Saturday, May 8th and Sunday, May 9th, the Regent will begin holding 2pm matinees and 7pm evening shows. Masks will be required, and capacity and seating will follow state guidelines, which is currently 50%. This schedule will continue until Memorial Day weekend.

Though May will feature previous blockbuster releases, beginning Memorial Day Weekend, new releases will be offered.

Memorial Day Weekend will begin normal scheduling. On Fridays, new releases will open with a 7pm showing. Fridays – Thursdays, there will be a 7pm showing each evening. In addition, matinees will be shown on Saturdays and Sundays at 2pm.

There will be an adjustment in admission charges. Matinees will be $4 and evening shows will rise to $5.

Free Summer Matinees will begin Monday, June 14, 2021. For 10 weeks, free matinees will be shown at 2pm and 4pm each weekday thanks to local sponsorships of $300 for a full week of shows. Those attending will need to purchase concessions.

—Compiled by Jason Wesseldyk

Deaths

March 29, 2026
JOHN DUANE HOEKSEMA, 56, Monterey Twp.
March 31, 2026
ROSEMARY KUHL, 87, Leighton Twp.
April 1, 2026
LAURA MARIE GUERRANT, 58, Wayland
April 4, 2026
DEBORA LYNN SASAK, 68, Hokins Twp.
DAWN MARIE CHILDRESS, 71, Lee Twp.
IMOGENE SUE LAFOUNTAIN, 88, Allegan Twp.
April 6, 2026
JUNE FULLERTON, 98, Allegan Twp.
April 8, 2026
JEFFREY EDWARD STEELE, 79, Fillmore Twp.
April 9, 2026
SUZANNE MELODY LONEY, 77, Otsego Twp.
April 10, 2026
WILMA JEAN WILSON, 88, Clyde Twp.
GLORIA GAY EDWARDS, 82, Holland

Marriages

The following people applied for a marriage license between April 7 and April 15:

LEIGHANN ELIZABETH COVILLE, Plainwell, and **ALEX KARL GREENE**, Plainwell
JAVIER LUNA JR, Fennville, and **ANNA LEE NINO**, Fennville
HUNTER JACOB RIENSTRA, Wayland, and **ALYANA ARLENE SCHOUW**, Wayland
DELMY NOHEMY OSORTO CARRANZA, Holland, and **JUAN CARLOS BETANCO APLICANO**, HOLLY HILL, FL
MADISON LEE TANIS, Hamilton, and **ETHAN CHRISTIAN HEIBEL**, Hamilton
TANNA ROSE KNAPP, Dorr, and **SAMUEL MARTIN HESS**, Traverse City
MICHAEL JAMES POLET, Hamilton, and **HANNAH JOY BLAHA**, Grandville
TYLER DAVID COPE, Allegan, and **AUBRI JOANN SIMON**, Allegan
ANDREW MICHAEL SCHNEIDER, Fennville, and **SARA ROPER**, Fennville
ROBERTO RODRIGUES GONZALEZ, Dorr, and **ANDREA SNEHA GROENDYK**, Dorr
OLYVIA GRACE CHURCH, Allegan, and **JADEN WHITE ROBERTS**, Allegan
CATHERINE MARIE HUVAERE, Holland, and **STEVEN LEE DUTTON**, Holland
KYLE ROBERT BENEDICT, Allegan, and **ASHLEE JOY REINSTEIN**, Allegan
CAYLIE EMILIA RIESS, Allegan, and **DYLAN TIMOTHY DEGARMO**, Allegan
NATASHA LYNN PROCTOR, Allegan, and **DUSTIN JOHN MARCUS**, Holland

SUDOKU

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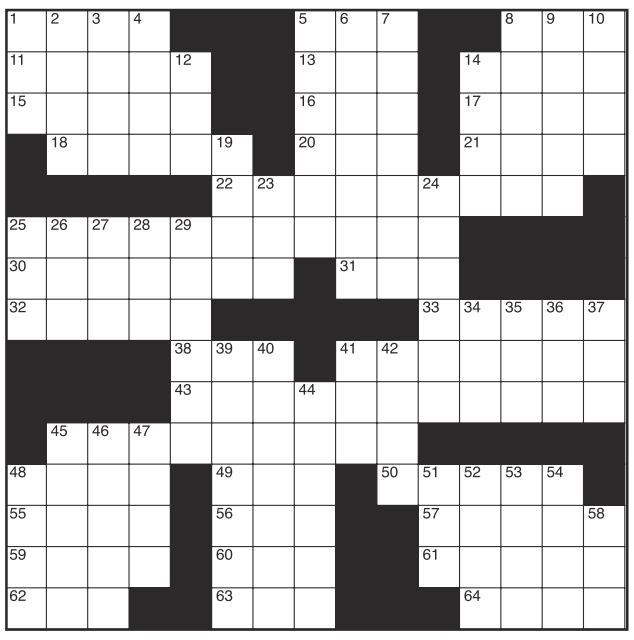
Crossword



CLUES ACROSS
1. Egyptian bull-god
5. Romanian monetary unit
8. Will Ferrell holiday film
11. 'It Ain't Half Hot Mum' actor
13. Error-related negativity
14. Volcanic crater
15. Boston Herald columnist Margery
16. True market value
17. Italian term for exchange rate
18. Informal loan clubs
20. Men's fashion accessory
21. Children's craft supply
22. Extra benefits
25. In an early way
30. A judge has one
31. Soviet Socialist Republic
32. Tractor unit
33. Defunct supercomputer developer
38. Promotional materials
41. A forgetful state
43. One who beheads
45. Photographers
48. Small, rich sponge cake
49. Clergy's vestment
50. Expressed pleasure
55. Abba __, Israeli politician
56. Zero
57. Ancient Greek word for 'earless'
59. Nigerian governmental area
60. Mild expression of surprise
61. Places to hang things
62. Keyboard key
63. Make a mistake
64. One-time president of Republic of Korea

CLUES DOWN
1. Bridge building degree
2. Expression of sorrow or pity
3. Large, stocky lizard
4. Romanian river
5. Communication
6. Stoats
7. Showcases
8. Bird of prey
9. King of Thebes
10. Cleaving tool
12. Large African antelope
14. Three are particularly notable
19. Meet one's needs
23. C. European river
24. Dictator
25. Indicates how much out of 100 (abbr.)
26. The 17th letter of the Greek alphabet
27. Consume food
28. Woman (French)
29. Scrape a surface
34. Green vegetable
35. Pacific Standard Time
36. Capital of Brazilian city
37. Paddle
39. Cause to become insane
40. Drier and flakier
41. Mimic
42. ESPN personality Kimes
44. One who moves slowly
45. Secret political clique
46. Behind the stern of a ship
47. Supernatural force
48. Sanctuary
51. Swiss river
52. Grayish white
53. Engrave by coating
54. North Carolina university
58. Midway between south and southeast

■ see **Solution**, Page B6

RELIGION SECTION

I was more amused than usual when I first read about a sharp disagreement between someone in the Pentagon and the Vatican ambassador to the US. Apparently the President some of his people took exception to the Pope's Easter comments opposing the war with Iran. On the whole, it compounded the Pope's 'offenses' from earlier in the year when he was critical about the Presidents invasion of Venezuela, his immigration policies and the heavy-handedness of the Homeland Security agents.

In my mind's eye I instantly envisioned an old-fashioned Chicago style "sit down" between gangs, of the O' Banion and Capone era. There would be lots of talk about "respect" but outside of parroting the right words, a distinct lack of respect all around.

The Pope continued the long-standing tradition of protecting and caring for the poor, disenfranchised, and civilians caught between warring factions. In polite terms he made it clear that the aggressors were Israel and the US, and that a lot of innocent people were being seriously injured and killed. It is a message of loving even one's enemies, and compassion. The Church has taught since the beginning. All of it is based, as we know, on the words and actions of Jesus.

The Pentagon official was having none of it and pivoted into dangerous territory as he pointed out that in the 1370s, when the Pope and Church angered the King of France, the king "invited" the Pope and senior Vatican officials to Avignon. There, he kept them under somewhat lenient house arrest, but made it clear they were not going anywhere until the Pope recognized the supremacy of the king.

There was nothing new about this sort of conflict between church and secular power. In 1208, King John of England and Pope Innocent III had the same sort of power struggle over the appointment of the new Archbishop of Canterbury. John said he would pick his own man; the Pope said he had the right to choose. Eventually, when they could not compromise, the Pope dropped the dime on England and placed the country under the Interdict. For the next four years the church officials were on a shut-down and lock out strike, and there were no services in the churches or cathedrals.

At first, the people were terrified. Some of the lower level parish clergy ignored the pope and bishops to care for their congregants, just as always. After a few months, people began to realize that the church leadership was really not very relevant in their lives.

I do not believe anything serious will come out of this most recent dust-up. There is a take-home lesson in this: Very simply, church and state have two different outlooks on many contemporary issues, and neither is shy about making their views known.

I think it is wonderful. If the day ever comes when the church intimidates any government into silence and doing things their way, we will see the rise of a new theocracy. Conversely, if the government suppresses the church, then we will no longer be 'that salt' of which Jesus speaks in the sermon on the Mount. Go and be the salt and the light, just as Jesus instructed us.

Directory of Area Churches

Allegan Assembly of God
424 DeLano St, Allegan
Pastors Tim Heath & Paul Hays
Church: 673-6577

Allegan Bible Church
412 S. Sherman, Allegan
Pastor Jon Gruss
Church: 673-6831

Allegan Christian Center
700 Ely St., Allegan
Paul Knuckles, Pastor
Church: 673-2921

Allegan County Jail
Chaplain Sarah Montgomery
Phone: 673-0350

Allegan United Methodist Church
Corner Walnut & Trowbridge streets, Allegan
Pastor Julia Humenik
Church: 673-4236;

At the Master's Feet
814 21st St., Otsego
269-694-6897
Paster Ray Brown

Blessed Sacrament Church
110 N. Cedar Street, Allegan
Fr. Simon Manjooran
Church: 673-4455

Bloomingdale Bible Church
210 Chestnut at Pine NW
Bloomin gdale
Ofc. 269-427-2101

Bravo Community Church
5587 113th Ave., Fennville
Pastor Duane Terpstra
616-886-1214

Burnips United Methodist
4241 30th, Burnips
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
616-896-8410

Calvary Church of Wayland (IFCA)
304 S. Main Street, Wayland
Pastor Chad Peckham
ccwayland.org

Casco United Methodist Church
880 66th Street, South Haven
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
269-227-3328
www.cascoumc.org

Chicora Country Chapel
4399 108th Ave., Allegan
Pastor Herb Curry
Phone: 269-370-5834

Christ Community Church
3370 113th Ave., Allegan
www.alleganccc.org ·
(269) 673-2329
Pastor Wally Coots

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
687 Linn Street, Allegan
Church: 673-9617

Church of God - Otsego
112 Kalamazoo St., Otsego
Pastor Stephen Burrow Sr.
269-694-9481
www.otsegocog.com

Corner Bible Church
4001 124th Allegan
www.cornerbiblechurch.com

CrossWind Community Church
1632 142nd Avenue
Dorr, MI 49323
616-359-9013
Pastor Tommy Boutell

Dunningville Reformed Church
2559 M-40, Allegan
Church: 751-5894
dunningville.org/index.html

East Martin Christian Reformed Church
510-118th Ave., Martin
269-672-5746
www.eastmartincrc.org

Epiphany Lutheran Church (LCMS)
4219 Parklane, Dorr
www.epiphanydorr.org
Sunday service at 9:15 a.m., Bible Study and Sunday School following

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd
101 North Walnut St, Allegan
Office: 673-2254

Faith Baptist Church
2846 125th Ave., Allegan
John Looman, Pastor
673-5040 1-888-354-3272

Fennville Assembly of God
5897 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408
269-561-2683

Fennville United Methodist Church
5849 124th St., Fennville
269-561-5048
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

First Baptist Church
1290 32nd St., Allegan
Service at 10:00am
Pastors Nathan Smith & Brendon Bayley
www.fbcallegan.com

First Baptist Church of Otsego
247 E Allegan St., Otsego
(269) 694-4160
firstbaptist@fbcotsego.org

First Church of God
1313 Marshall Street, Allegan
269 673-3881
www.pathtohim.org
Pastor, Tim Secord

First Congregational Church
323 Cutler Street, Allegan
Church Office: 673-3139
Pastor Todd Wagner

First Congregational Church
120 W. Morrell St., Otsego
269-694-6085
Pastor Lenny Luchetti

First Presbyterian Church of Plainwell
303 East Bridge St.
Plainwell, MI 49080
685-5990

Friendship Bible Church
104 Baker St., Hopkins, MI
Pastor Chris Cronk and Worship Pastor Tony Caldarona
Office 793-7929

Ganges Baptist Church
6577 122nd Avenue, Fennville
269-543-4203
11AM each Sunday

Ganges United Methodist Church
2218 68th St
Fennville MI 49408
Phone 269-543-3581
Lay Minister - Marcia A. Tucker

Grace Church of Hamilton
3690 Lincoln Rd. P.o. Box 97
Hamilton Mi 49419
269.264.4900
Gracechurchofhamilton@gmail.com

Hope Lutheran Church
290 12th St., Plainwell
(269) 685-1348
Pastor Nicole Smith
Worship 10:30am; S. School 9:15am

Hopkins Community Reformed Church
2142 128th Ave., Hopkins
(269) 793-7361
hopkinscommunitychurch.net

Hopkins United Methodist Church
322 N. Maple St., Hopkins
(269) 793-7323
Pastor Kelsey French

Horseshoe Community Bible Church
4950 104th Avenue, Grand Junction
269-521-4580 ·
Pastor Don Miller

Immanuel Lutheran Church
631 Grand Street, Allegan
Church: 673-3335
Rev. Christopher Laughlin

Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness
2199 Taft Road, Allegan
Phone: 673-6179

Living Waters Community Church
5458 M-89, Fennville
Service: 10:30 Sundays
Pastor Andrew Leach
269-561-5277

Martin Reformed Church
1073 W. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor: Matthew Hendricks
672-5596

Martin United Methodist Church
969 E. Allegan St., Martin
Pastor Margaret Stoken
269-672-7097
www.martinumc.org

Merson Church
3313 102nd Ave., Gobles, MI
Office: 673-5274
www.mersonchurch.org

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3022 130th Ave.
Monterey Center, 49328
Craig VanBeek, Pastor
793-7288

Mt. Calvary M.B. Church
5425 105th Ave., Pullman
Pastor Everett Belue
269-382-3405

New Hope Baptist Church
2011 Lincoln Road (M-40 N)
Pastor Tadd Butler
673-1938

Northbridge Church
8824 Douglas, Kalamazoo
269-385-4378 ·
www.northbridge.cc

Northpoint Ministries
04077 M40 (M40/CR390)
Gobles MI · 269.628.9199
Pastor Gary Lounsberry
Sunday Worship: 11am

OAKLAND CRC
4460 38th Street
Hamilton. Mi. 49419
616 688 5290
Pastor Mark Vande Zande

Otsego United Methodist Church
223 E Allegan St. Otsego MI
10:00 a.m. Worship
Reverend Dan Minor
Otsegomethodistchurch.org

Pathfinder North Church
(A Global Methodist Church)
532 M 89, Otsego, MI 49078
9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Worship
Rev Ron Hansen
Pathfindernorth.com

Peace Lutheran Church
805 S. Wilmott St., Otsego
www.peaceotsego.com
694-6104

Pearl United Methodist Church
1689 56th St., Fennville
269-561-5048 Worship 9:30 am
Bob Lynch, Pastor
www.fennvilleumc.org

Pentecostal Church of God I.M
2281 57th St, Fennville
Wed/Miércoles @ 7:00 pm
Sunday/Domingo @ 10:00 am
Worship Service @ 11:00am
Rev. Jeremias & Maribel Gaytan
231) 923-6887 - (231) 923-6959
Email: gytnj@yahoo.com

Plainwell Church of Christ
911 James St.
Plainwell, Michigan 49080

Plainwell First Baptist Church
404 W. Bridge St., Plainwell
(269) 685-8888
Pastor George Osborn

Plainwell First United Methodist Church
200 Park St. Plainwell
269-685-5113
www.fumcplainwell.com

Rectify Church
247 N. Main St., Allegan
616-218-1556
Pastor Sarah Montgomery

Redemption Place Church of God
1900 M-40, Allegan
Pastor Deborah Lesher
Church: 269-355-1167

Refreshing Springs Ministries
201 Briggs St., Allegan
616-510-7416
Pastor Adrian Hall

River of Life Church
605 W. Allegan, Otsego
269-672-9904
www.alleganchurch.com

Seventh Day Adventist Church
229 Cutler Street, Allegan
Dan Rachor, Pastor
Church: 673-3284

Shelbyville United Methodist Church
938 124th Ave., Shelbyville
672-7097 - Church office
Pastor Margaret Stoken

South Monterey United Methodist Church
Pastor Kelsey French
Church: 793-7323

St. Francis of Assisi Episcopal Church
11850 9 Mile Rd., Shelbyville
269-664-4345
Service: Sundays 9:30 am

Saint John's Church Of God In Christ
716 Academy St, Allegan
Rev. Jeremiah Johnson Sr.
Phone: 673-8590—673-3007

St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church
1764 34th St., Allegan
Pastor Ronald Kruse 673-2079
Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.

St. Margaret's Catholic Church
766 S. Farmer St., Otsego
269-694-6311

Third Coast Community Church
www.thirdcoastff.org |
269.857.5633
6069 Blue Star Hwy, Saugatuck, MI 49453
Sunday Worship: 10:00am

Trowbridge Community Church
355 26th Street, Otsego
Pastor Mykel Hall, Pastor
Church: 673-5502

Unity Baptist Church
35 14 12th St. Wayland
Pastor Kelly Ryan
Cell # (269) 330-2217

Watson Bible Church
1626 116th St., Otsego
Pastor Tim Morris
672-2166

Wayland Community Church
502 West Superior, Wayland
(616) 877-6134
Worship Sunday @ 10:30am

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